

## Programs for Children

The youngest kidney patients benefit from our programs:

- The Summer Enrichment Program provides grants to children with kidney disease so that they can attend special summer camps that cater to their medical needs;
- Our “Kid”ney Calendar publishes the artwork of talented children who have kidney disease. Each fall, we bring these children to Washington, D.C., for a special weekend of recognition and fellowship.



## Website

For more information about the programs and services of the American Kidney Fund, visit our website, [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org)

## About Us

The American Kidney Fund is the #1 source of direct financial assistance to kidney patients in the United States, and is a leader in providing education to those with and at risk for kidney disease.

Our programs address all stages of kidney health, including kidney disease awareness and prevention; community outreach to individuals at high risk for kidney disease; and treatment-related support for those requiring dialysis or transplantation.

Founded in 1971, the American Kidney Fund is headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, and has regional offices in Atlanta, Georgia; Long Island, New York; and Chicago, Illinois.

Ninety-five cents of every dollar expended goes directly to programs and services.

**“One of America’s Best Charities”  
Reader’s Digest**

**“Gold Star Charity”  
Forbes Magazine**

**“4-Star Charity”  
Charity Navigator**

**“A+ Charity”  
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reaching out  
giving hope  
improving lives

## Programs and Services



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## Financial Assistance for People Living with Kidney Disease

Providing financial assistance to people who have kidney disease has always been at the heart of our mission. Thanks to support from our contributors, in 2006 we distributed \$81.9 million in grants to more than 63,500 kidney patients in the United States and its territories:

- More than 32,000 patients were able to maintain their health insurance coverage because we paid their premiums for Medicare Part B, Medigap, commercial and COBRA policies;
- Nearly 15,000 patients were able to pay for fuel, vehicle repairs and transit services necessary to travel to and from dialysis treatments;
- More than 6,400 patients received emergency cash grants at their dialysis centers to pay for transportation and medications;
- More than 4,500 patients received important nutritional supplements, over-the-counter medications, and durable medical supplies;
- More than 1,400 patients were able to make co-payments for prescribed medications;
- Many more received help with other costs that can be very expensive, such as the installation of a wheelchair ramp in their homes; emergency dental work; or paying the expenses of someone who donated a kidney to the patient.



## Outreach to Kidney Patients and to Those Who Are At Risk

We provide education and outreach to kidney patients and their families, as well as to people who are at risk for kidney disease, through:

- A nationwide, toll-free HelpLine, available in both English and Spanish (866.300.2900);
- A website containing kidney health information ([www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org));
- A comprehensive health information brochure series;
- Kidney health presentations in the workplace and at health fairs;
- Public awareness campaigns and an educational wallet card;
- Free health screenings, education and follow-up for populations most at risk for kidney disease through our Minority Intervention and Kidney Education program (MIKE).

## Special Events and Fundraisers

To further our mission, we present numerous special events during the year, including:

- Our signature fundraising walk, Steps that Count;
- Regional wine tasting events, golf tournaments, and a black-tie gala;
- And we work with individuals and community groups who hold local special events to raise money for AKF.

## Professional Education to Enhance Patient Care

Our goal is to help enhance the care of kidney patients by providing high-quality, up-to-date clinical information and training to health professionals. Our services include:

- Regional conferences for renal professionals, including nurses, dietitians, social workers, dialysis technicians, and transplant coordinators;
- A Clinical Scientist in Nephrology program;
- CME opportunities focusing on kidney disease for primary care practitioners;
- The *Professional Advocate newsletter*, our publication for nephrology professionals.

## Organ Donor Awareness

More than 92,000 men, women and children in the United States currently await life-saving transplants—and more than 70,000 are waiting for a kidney. We are working to increase awareness of organ donation by:

- Participating in the activities of Donate Life America ([www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net));
- Distributing organ donation brochures and family notification cards;
- Awarding Certificates of Distinction to living kidney donors and the families of deceased donors.