



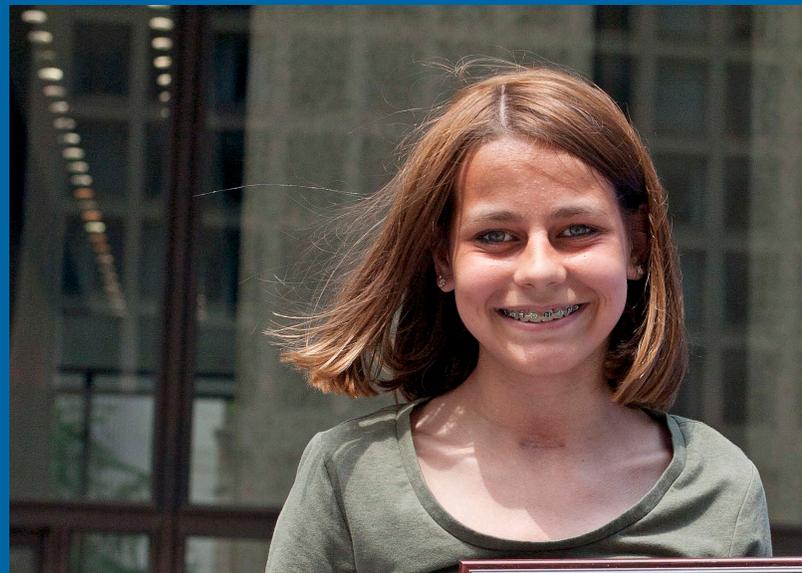
American Kidney Fund®

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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

# ONE

life at a time



“You all provided my family with an opportunity to spend invaluable time with my father and for that we are forever grateful. Thank you personally and thank you to the entire organization for being such amazing advocates for life.”

—SAM, DAUGHTER OF AN AKF GRANT RECIPIENT



45 YEARS:

# ONE LIFE AT A TIME

From the day we were founded in 1971 to help one patient who had been bankrupted by the cost of dialysis treatment, the American Kidney Fund has taken a deeply personal approach to the work we do.

Annual reports are about numbers, but our work is about lives.

Our vision is a world without kidney disease. Until then, we believe every kidney patient should have access to health care, and every person at risk for kidney disease should be empowered to prevent it.

We do that by helping people fight kidney disease and live healthier lives. Since we were founded, we have provided direct financial assistance to well over 1 million people living with kidney failure—one life at a time.

We are empowering communities at risk for kidney disease to help prevent it—one life at a time.

And we are fighting for the right of the nation’s most vulnerable patients to receive charitable assistance to help them afford the costs of their health care—one life at a time.

The American Kidney Fund provides a complete spectrum of critically needed services while maintaining a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation’s leading charity watchdog agency. For our excellent fiscal management, we are proud to be on Charity Navigator’s list of top 10 charities in the United States with the most consecutive 4-star ratings. We spend 97 cents of every donated dollar on programs that directly serve and educate patients and the public.

Dear Friends,

If every patient who has received assistance from the American Kidney Fund since its founding in 1971 lived in the same city, it would be the 10th largest in the United States!

Each of the more than 1 million patients who have received AKF grants has an individual story. They are sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, co-workers. They come from all walks of life and they represent every race and nationality. Kidney disease can affect anyone, and the American Kidney Fund is the nation's safety net for the most vulnerable patients.

In 2016, more than 63,000 individuals, corporations, associations and foundations supported this great organization, making possible the lifesaving work that we do. We are so grateful for the support of committed friends like you who believe in our mission of helping people fight kidney disease and live healthier lives.

AKF's outstanding stewardship of the donated dollar has again been recognized by Charity Navigator, which gave us its highest, 4-star rating for the 15th year in a row and lists us in its top 10 list of nonprofits with the most 4-star ratings.

No kidney organization can match our comprehensive range of programs and services—from education and prevention outreach to reach those at risk for kidney disease; to patient education, advocacy and clinical research to help improve outcomes for patients living with the disease; to financial support for patients living with kidney failure who cannot afford the cost of their health care.

Your support makes all this possible—one life at a time.



Sincerely,

Gail S. Wick, MHSA, BSN, RN, CNNe  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
American Kidney Fund

Dear Friends,

When the American Kidney Fund opened its doors in 1971 to help one patient who could not afford dialysis, no one imagined that the need for our assistance would become so great.

Back then, kidney failure was considered a rare disease.

A lot has changed in 45 years, but two things have not: This debilitating disease still upends families' lives and finances, and AKF still provides a safety net for low-income dialysis patients who cannot afford their health care.

Our work has never been more vital. Nearly half a million Americans depend on dialysis to survive. In 2016, 1 out of every 5 U.S. dialysis patients—nearly 100,000—turned to AKF for assistance in paying their health insurance premiums and other health care costs not covered by insurance.

Today, more than 31 million Americans are living with kidney disease, but the vast majority of them are unaware of it. We work every day to change that—one life at a time.

Our education and prevention initiatives made a difference in so many lives in 2016—our award-winning new website reached 3 million people with vital health information, and our free health screenings helped more than 10,000 people in 23 cities at risk for kidney disease to take the needed steps to help prevent it.

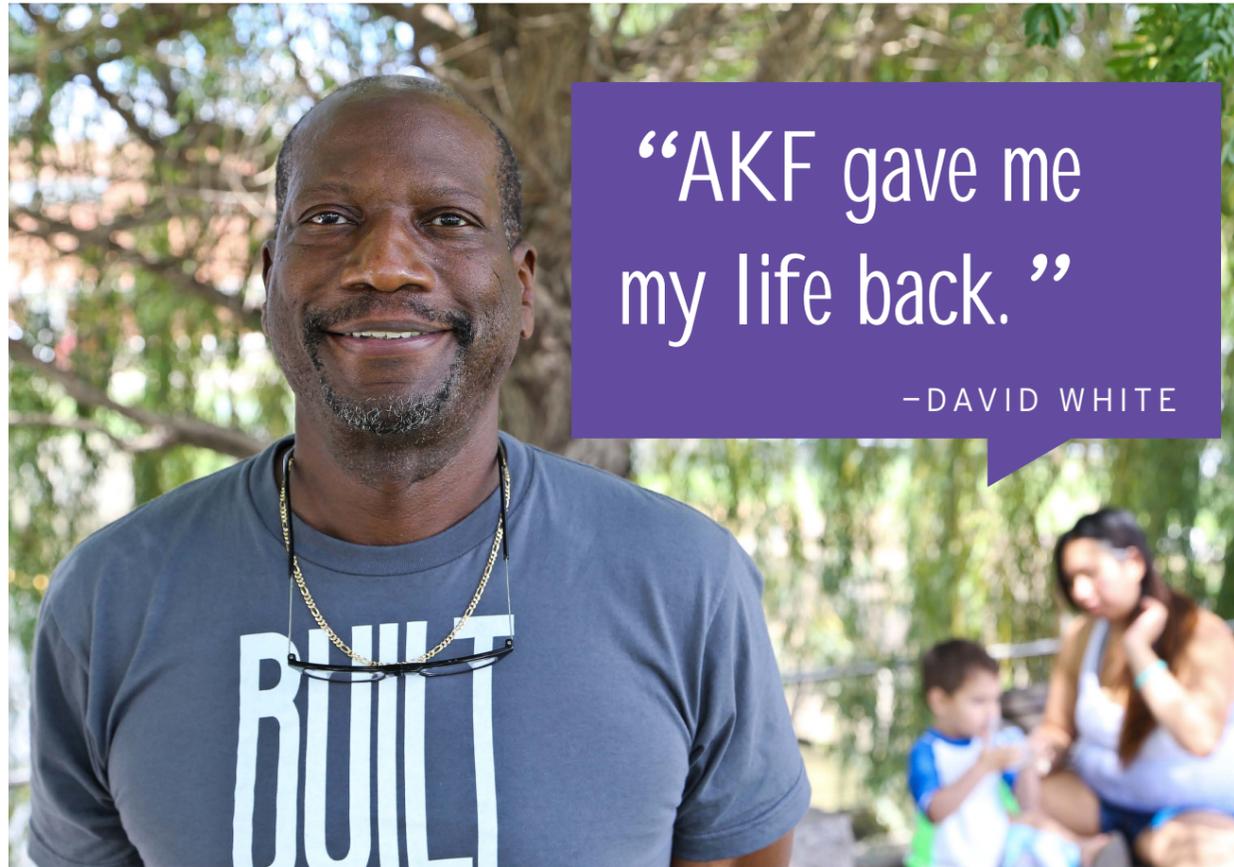
Also in 2016, we stepped up our advocacy efforts on behalf of dialysis patients who depend on our charitable support, pushing back against aggressive efforts by health insurers to deny these vulnerable patients coverage.

Thank you for your faith in us and your support of our mission—we could not do what we do without you.



Sincerely,

LaVarne A. Burton  
President and CEO



# HELPING

## patients access lifesaving health care

In our first year, we provided financial assistance to 79 patients who would not have otherwise been able to pay for dialysis.

Over the years, with the support of a caring public, the American Kidney Fund grew into the nation's leading provider of charitable assistance to kidney failure patients. In 2016, we helped more than 98,000 people—1 out of every 5 dialysis patients in the United States—pay for health insurance premiums and other treatment-related expenses. Since our founding, we have

provided financial assistance to more than 1 million patients.

**DAVID WHITE** began dialysis like many people do—with a “crash landing.” Feeling sick, he went to the hospital where he learned his kidneys weren’t working. He began emergency dialysis immediately.

He describes himself as a less-than-ideal patient who cut treatments short or skipped them altogether. When his care team told him to plan for a short life, David got serious

about his treatment and his health. He was unable to work, so he turned to the American Kidney Fund to help pay his Medigap insurance premiums. Relieved of the financial burden of treatment, he focused on getting into the best health possible.

Because of our assistance, David received a successful kidney transplant from a deceased donor. He does not take his good fortune lightly. He works actively to help others by mentoring and spreading awareness of kidney disease, and he is a member of AKF’s Advocacy Network.

David was honored as the 2016 “Hero of Hope” at our national gala, The Hope Affair.



**RILEY CROWDER** has been living with kidney failure since she was four years old. At age 12, she received a transplant from her mother, enjoying 13 years of life not tethered to a dialysis machine.

During her “healthy time,” she completed her education, including a graduate degree that led to her dream job as a Child Life Specialist to help children cope with traumatic medical treatments—something she understood all too well.

When her transplanted kidney failed as a result of chemotherapy, Riley had to go back on dialysis and give up the work she loved so much. A year later, she aged off her parents’ health insurance plan and suddenly faced daunting monthly insurance premiums—something she couldn’t afford on her disability income.

Riley applied to AKF for help in paying her premiums. Without our assistance, Riley says, she simply would not be able to afford her day-to-day living expenses.

More than **98,000** patients—1 out of every 5 U.S. dialysis patients—turned to AKF for financial assistance in 2016, ensuring they could access the health care that keeps them alive.



More than **82,000** patients maintained their health insurance coverage through our Health Insurance Premium Program.



With help from our Safety Net Program, **14,000** patients were able to pay for transportation to dialysis, nutritional products, emergency assistance and other expenses not covered by health insurance.



**1,400** patients received donated medications at no cost, helping them to manage common complications of kidney failure.



**600** patients affected by natural disasters received grants through our Disaster Relief Program.



**43** children with kidney disease received grants to attend specialized summer camp.



# EMPOWERING

## patients through education

Throughout our history, patients have looked to AKF as a vital resource for information on kidney disease and treatment. Today, through digital media, we reach more patients than ever.

**STEVE WINFREE** began dialysis at just the same time that AKF was unveiling its FIRST30 program to help patients adjust to the challenging first month of dialysis treatment.

Steve agreed to chronicle his experience

week by week, touching on the key topics covered in our new FIRST30 program. The result was a rare and honest glimpse into a patient's experience during the crucial first month, shared on AKF's blog and with our social media audiences. The response was overwhelming, even to Steve.

Steve's blog posts and social media sharing brought FIRST30 to life. His experiences resonated with hundreds of our social media followers, who shared their own experiences and offered encouraging words to Steve in his FIRST30 journey.

In 2016 we launched several new patient education initiatives that were funded through generous support by corporate partners.

Our **FIRST30** campaign equips new dialysis patients with easily understood, practical and positive information designed to help put them on the path to the best possible health outcomes in their crucial first month. The campaign includes a series of short videos with advice from patients and renal professionals on a variety of topics.

*The FIRST30 Campaign is made possible by Sanofi.*

We created and launched **ACT ON ANEMIA**, a program designed to increase Awareness, Communication and Treatment of this common side effect of chronic kidney disease. Educational materials designed for patients as well as renal professionals provide clear and simple explanations of what anemia is, how it is linked to kidney disease, and how it is treated. A quiz on our website provides information in a fun, interactive format.

*The ACT on Anemia campaign is made possible by Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.*

Our monthly **WEBINAR SERIES** for patients, their family members and caregivers launched in March—Kidney Month—exploring a different aspect of kidney health and kidney disease each month. Webinar speakers have included nationally renowned transplant surgeons, nephrologists, social workers, dietitians and patient-advocates. Live webinars are recorded and are available for on-demand viewing on our website.

*Our webinar series was begun under an educational grant from Amgen.*

Patients and their family members took advantage of our free educational programs to empower themselves with knowledge.



Nearly **130,000** patients, caregivers and kidney care professionals participated in our social media community.



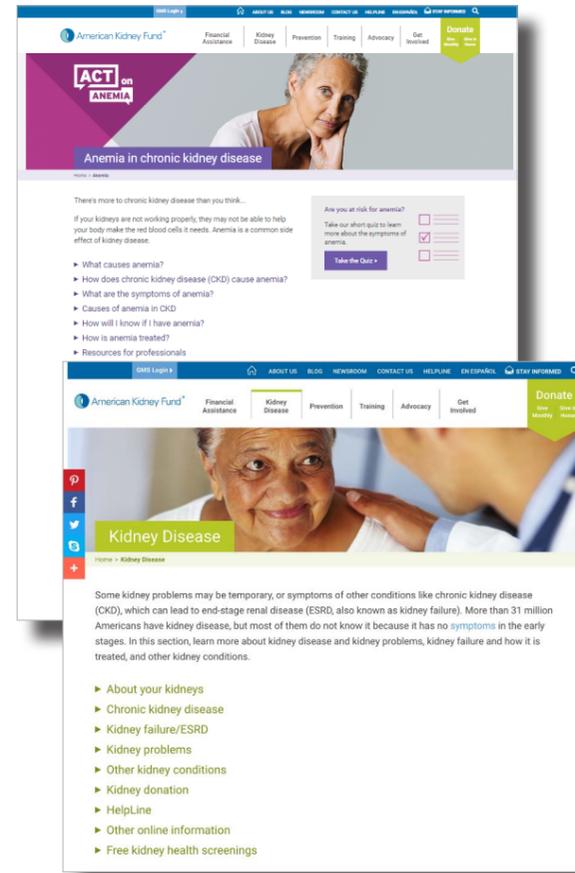
More than **1,300** patients and caregivers registered for our free monthly patient webinars featuring leading experts in nephrology, transplantation and health. Another **1,300** later watched the recorded webinars on demand.



Patients new to dialysis downloaded our FIRST30 checklist **200 TIMES** to help guide their first 30 days.



To learn more about the links between anemia and kidney disease, nearly **4,000** website visitors took our "Act on Anemia" quiz.



# REACHING

## communities at risk

To address the enormous public health challenge of kidney disease, we work to educate the public about risk factors and the importance of early detection, and we reach into communities at high risk for the disease.

In 2016 we completed a redesign of our website to better meet the needs of people looking for information on kidney health and kidney disease. The site features streamlined, intuitive navigation and a responsive design that adjusts to display optimally on any device, including tablets

and mobile phones. The redesigned KidneyFund.org received a national award and has been listed in two national “best-of” lists of nonprofit websites.

We held six Kidney Action Day events in cities at high risk for kidney disease: Bessemer, Alabama, just outside Birmingham; Chicago; Houston; New Orleans; Philadelphia; and Washington, D.C. Kidney Action Day is our signature outreach event, providing free health screenings, kidney health education, healthy cooking demos and fitness activities designed to

encourage a healthy lifestyle that can help prevent kidney disease. Nationwide, we provided free health screenings to more than 10,000 people in 23 states, helping them understand their risk factors and putting them on a path to help prevent kidney disease.

Our network of Kidney Health Educators grew to nearly 1,500 in 2016. This network expands our reach, bringing kidney health education into community centers, places of worship and even homes. We provide training and educational tools to our Kidney Health Educators, who coach their communities, in large and small group settings, on the prevention of kidney disease.

Millions of people benefited from our education and outreach initiatives, spreading awareness of kidney disease and reaching communities at risk.



**3 MILLION** people visited our award-winning new website, KidneyFund.org, to learn about kidney health.



Nearly **1,500** AKF Kidney Health Educators educated their communities about kidney disease and how to prevent it.



More than **10,000** people in **23** cities nationwide received free screenings to check for indicators of kidney and heart health, diabetes and other important health measures.



**6** Kidney Action Days, our major community outreach events, brought free screenings and healthy living information to people at high risk for kidney disease. Kidney Action Day is possible thanks to support from American Renal Associates, U.S. Renal Care and others.



Our outreach to increase awareness of kidney disease generated more than **730 MILLION** media impressions.



# ADVANCING

## clinical research

In 1974, we awarded our first research grant to Dr. Samuel L. Kountz, a pioneer in kidney transplantation from Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Kountz’s groundbreaking research in tissue typing led to the increased use of kidneys from unrelated donors.

Today, we continue to support nephrology’s brightest scholars through our Clinical Scientist in Nephrology (CSN) program, established in 1988 to improve the quality of care provided to kidney patients and promote clinical research in nephrology. CSN alumni have gone on to become leading

academic researchers at institutions nationwide. In 2016, we awarded CSN fellowships to Dr. Anoop Sheshadri, a research fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, and Dr. Megan Yanik, a pediatric nephrology research fellow at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Higher disease rates and poor outcomes for chronic conditions in racial and ethnic minority groups has concerned the medical community for decades.



As a doctor, **JOHN STANIFER** works to provide the highest quality medical care possible to these patients. As a researcher, he asks, “Why do these disparities exist, and what can we do to narrow the gap?”

Dr. Stanifer, an AKF Clinical Scientist in Nephrology fellow, is studying health disparities North Carolina’s southeastern counties where the rates of kidney disease are among the highest in the country—and where racial and ethnic minorities are twice as likely to die from chronic kidney disease or develop kidney failure.

Southeastern North Carolina residents are among the poorest in the country, and they suffer several economic, social and structural barriers to achieving good health outcomes.

Dr. Stanifer and his team believe that by studying health literacy, self-care behaviors, self-confidence, stress and coping, social support, and self-management skills related to chronic kidney disease, they can improve long-term health outcomes. He hopes eventually to develop interventions tailored to the study population, but broad enough to improve health across the region and nuanced enough to address critical differences among the racial/ethnic populations.

### Continuing education and clinical research grants for renal professionals improve the quality of patient care.



Nearly **6,000** free continuing education courses were completed by health care professionals. These certified online courses focus on caring for people with, and at risk for, kidney disease.



**500+** nephrology professionals received or downloaded our Act on Anemia materials for improved patient communication and education.



**TWO** young nephrologists were awarded Clinical Scientist in Nephrology (CSN) fellowships, joining a long list of leading nephrology researchers who began their careers with an AKF fellowship. Our CSN program was made possible by the support of Amgen, Sanofi and Satellite Healthcare.



We held a focus group with dietitians to better understand the challenges dialysis patients face with their dietary restrictions so that we could create new programs and materials to help professionals help their patients.



“Without their [American Kidney Fund] assistance I would be living to pay my medical costs. They give me an opportunity to get a breather from medical costs so that I can live my life outside of my illness.”

—JASON EARLY

# ADVOCATING

## for kidney patients

From our earliest days, AKF has been a strong advocate for public policy that ensures access to high quality care for kidney patients and supports research and prevention efforts.

Today, we are working at the federal and state levels to build understanding of kidney disease and to advocate for policies that improve the lives of kidney patients. We fight discriminatory health insurance practices and work to advance a policy agenda that includes increased, equitable federal funding for kidney disease research.

Our Advocacy Network of more than 6,500 patients and caregivers from all 50 states and the District of Columbia engage policymakers on issues relating to kidney disease and patient care.

When **JASON EARLY'S** kidneys failed as a result of type 1 diabetes, he could no longer work—subsequently losing his apartment and his car, forcing him to move in with his brother. AKF's Health Insurance Premium Program program allowed Jason to keep his Affordable Care Act marketplace plan



that he'd had before he developed kidney failure. Jason reviewed all of his insurance options when he began dialysis and determined that sticking with his ACA plan was the best way to afford the high costs of his insulin medication. But he needed AKF's help to pay for the plan—and we stepped in.

When carriers in Texas stopped accepting premium payments from AKF, Jason joined our Advocacy Network and spoke up for himself and other patients. He joined us for meetings with his state insurance regulators and his representative in Congress, urging them to stop insurers from denying insurance to patients who need charitable assistance.

“My insurance is more important than ever. Without comprehensive insurance I would not be able to get a transplant,” said Jason. “If the insurers win, and I have to go on Medicare, I'm not sure I'll have that opportunity.”

Jason's insurer dropped out of the marketplace, and he had to switch to Medicare—a choice that he had determined was not best for him. Jason continues to advocate to preserve patients' ability to choose the health insurance that works best for their individual situations—even if they need charitable assistance to pay for it.

Working with our Advocacy Network, we engaged with policy makers to protect the rights of kidney patients.



Our Advocacy Network grew to more than **6,500** patients, loved ones, caregivers and professionals from all **50** states.



Advocates sent more than **6,000** messages to their elected representatives advocating for increased federal funding for kidney disease care and research, and fighting against discriminatory health insurance practices.



Advocates representing **9** states joined us in Washington, D.C. for our annual Advocacy Day, attending **28** meetings with their representatives.



Members of our Advocacy Network joined us for **10** meetings with key members of Congress in their home districts in **8** states.



We met with state policy makers in **15** states to protect patients' right to receive charitable assistance for insurance premiums.



“AKF helps thousands of Americans in need and they have given me an opportunity to be a part of that.”

—MARCUS GARCIA

# BUILDING

## a nationwide community of fundraisers

The very first patients AKF helped received financial assistance because a small group of friends got together to raise money to help their friend pay for lifesaving dialysis. Over the years, donations from individuals have remained a vital source of revenue that supports AKF programs and services.

Today, our **KIDNEYNATION** fundraisers are funding the fight against kidney disease in creative ways, supporting our mission and spreading awareness.

When **MARCUS GARCIA'S** older brother Matt was diagnosed with Goodpasture syndrome, a life-threatening autoimmune disorder, his family rallied around him to provide the emotional support he needed to battle the disease. The rare disorder led to kidney failure, and Matt underwent dialysis for five years as he waited for a kidney transplant.

Marcus and Matt decided they wanted to help others fighting kidney disease. The brothers had played competitive lacrosse in college, so they turned to the sport they loved to promote teamwork and philanthropy among young players while

raising money to help kidney patients. They joined AKF's fundraising community **KIDNEYNATION**. In its inaugural year, their Annual Kidney Classic youth lacrosse tournament was a great success and raised \$7,500 for American Kidney Fund programs and services.

Matt succumbed to his disease in June just after his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday, leaving a void in his family's hearts, but not in their resolve to help others in Matt's memory. Marcus plans to continue the lacrosse tournament each year as a legacy for Matt.

Marcus received the **KIDNEYNATION** Excellence Award at The Hope Affair 2016 in recognition for his dedication to helping kidney patients by fundraising for AKF.

**JULIE LIPPKE** and her daughter Alexandra, an eighth-grader, took on the challenge of hiking Hadrian's Wall in northern England during Alexandra's 2016 spring break. The ancient wall, built by the Romans in 122 AD, marked the northern border of Rome's territory and spans the width of England.

They did it to test their own limits—and to honor Alexandra's grandfather Jerry Lippke, who had been living with kidney failure for over five years.

The Lippkes added extra meaning to their trip by using it to raise awareness of kidney disease and joining the **KIDNEYNATION** community to fundraise for the American Kidney Fund. They asked friends and family to support them on their three-day, 45-mile hike by donating to AKF.

“With our personal connection we chose kidney disease to raise visibility both for Jerry as well as others who are living with kidney disease,” Julie said. “After we shared our fundraising page, several friends came forward and shared their stories of kidney disease also and this has made us realize how important it is to raise awareness of this disease and that small steps, such as this fundraising event, can make a difference.”

Charity rating organizations continued to recognize our exceptional stewardship of the donated dollar, noting that we spend 97 cents of every dollar donated on patients and programs.



Charity Navigator awarded us a 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive “4-Star” rating, placing us again among the **TOP 1 PERCENT** of charities nationwide out of more than 8,000 reviewed for fiscal accountability.



We were again ranked in Charity Navigator's “**TOP 10**” list of organizations with the most consecutive 4-Star ratings.



We were honored to be one of the two health nonprofits named to Consumer Reports' list of “**BEST CHARITIES FOR YOUR DONATIONS.**”



We continued to maintain our **A+ RATING** from CharityWatch.



We are a sealholder with the **BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU WISE GIVING ALLIANCE.**



We meet the **NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL'S STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE.**



# CELEBRATING

those who inspire us

During **THE HOPE AFFAIR**, our annual gala, we celebrate the people who inspire us in the fight against kidney disease. Our 2016 gala celebrated our 45th anniversary, recognizing that since our founding we have assisted more than 1 million people living with kidney failure...one life at a time. The Hope Affair is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we are grateful for the support of our event sponsors.

One of the honorees was our 2017 Calendar Kids cover artist, 12-year-old Caroline Fisher, a dialysis patient since 2013. The disease changed her life in many ways, ending her ability to do gymnastics, the sport she loved, and requiring her to be home-schooled rather than going to middle school so that she can be ready to receive a transplant at any time.

Caroline's drawing received the most votes in our online contest to select the calendar



cover. "Winning this contest has encouraged her to develop her talent even more," said Paul Fisher, Caroline's dad. "It has been a long and difficult three years, but there is a light at the end of our tunnel."

When asked what advice she would give to other kids with kidney disease, Caroline says, "You might think that it is over, but if you keep fighting and hold on to the things you love, it will get better."

In our Northeast Region, we held our A Pairing for Prevention event in Cambridge, Massachusetts and New York City, bringing together members of the business community who are committed to supporting AKF in the fight against kidney disease. Our 11th Annual New York Golf Classic on Long Island was our most successful ever, and we are grateful to the sponsors, honorees, participants and planning committees who support these important events.

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal year January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016

## Public Support and Other Revenue

Contributions	\$ 296,751,303
In-kind Contributions	10,866,045
Planned Giving	1,215,171
Other Income	1,993,777
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 310,826,296</b>

## Expenses

Direct Patient Aid	\$ 289,639,304
Public and Professional Education	8,631,030
Research and Community Service	349,297
Fundraising	4,159,048
Management and General	1,875,282
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 304,653,961</b>

## Net Surplus

\$ 6,172,335

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash and Investments	\$ 29,686,704
Contribution Receivables	416,464
Furniture and Equipment, net	1,420,589
Inventory and Other Assets	2,620,897
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 34,144,654</b>

## Liabilities

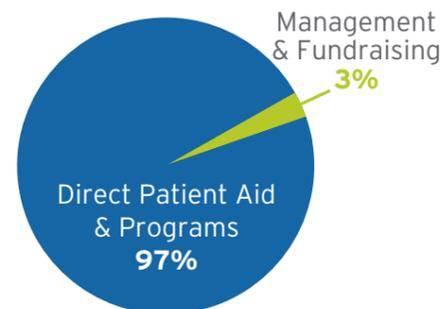
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,020,560
Deferred Rent	531,656
Annuities Payable	345,871
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,898,087</b>

## Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$ 28,196,841
Temporarily Restricted	2,874,709
Permanently Restricted	175,017
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 31,246,567</b>

## Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$ 34,144,654



## 97 CENTS OF EVERY DONATED DOLLAR GOES TO PATIENTS AND PROGRAMS.

A complete copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request from the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852, or on our website at [KidneyFund.org](http://KidneyFund.org).

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Members of the Circle of Champions have made a minimum annual investment of \$1,000 in the American Kidney Fund. This gift represents a steadfast commitment to the patients we serve, and we are grateful for your support.

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**JOIN THE AKF ADVOCACY NETWORK:** The AKF Advocacy Network brings together people who have been affected by kidney disease to become educated, empowered and encouraged to make a difference for others. [KidneyFund.org/advocacy](https://KidneyFund.org/advocacy)



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