

fighting **ON ALL FRONTS**

Our mission: **fighting kidney disease and helping people live healthier lives**



When the nonprofit American Kidney Fund was established nearly a half century ago, kidney failure was rare and nearly always fatal. Dialysis was not widely available and too expensive for most Americans to afford. AKF's first battle in the fight against kidney disease was helping people pay for the devastating cost of their lifesaving dialysis treatments.

Today, kidney disease is the fastest-growing noncommunicable disease in the United States, affecting an astonishing 37 million Americans. Even worse, the vast majority of people who have kidney disease have no idea that this silent killer is slowly doing irreversible damage to their kidneys. Most of these people will never reach kidney failure—they will die, instead, of cardiovascular disease.

Our battle against kidney disease today is complex and multifaceted. AKF continues to be best known for our programs of financial assistance, but we're so much more than that. Our mission incorporates programs of awareness, prevention, disease management, research and advocacy. We know that making progress against kidney disease means we must fight it on all fronts, and that's why we reach people wherever they are in their journey with kidney disease, from prevention through transplant, thanks to the generosity of the many donors who believe in our mission.

No kidney organization touches more people directly. Through the nation's largest free kidney health screening program, Know Your Kidneys™, AKF reaches at-risk individuals and communities, empowering them with prevention, education and early detection. AKF enables those with kidney disease to live their healthiest lives through disease management, award-winning public and professional health education materials, courses, and webinars. AKF drives innovation through strategic partnerships and investment in clinical research to improve patient outcomes, and fights tirelessly for legislation and health policy to improve the lives of kidney patients. Patients experiencing financial devastation from kidney failure access lifesaving care through AKF's financial assistance programs. AKF's online fundraising community, KidneyNation, unites Americans in support of AKF's mission.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our many donors. AKF invests 97 cents of every donated dollar in patients and programs and is one of the nation's top-rated nonprofits. Charity Navigator includes AKF on its "Top 10" list of nonprofits for outstanding stewardship of the donated dollar, and AKF holds GuideStar's Platinum Seal of Transparency.

Visit [KidneyFund.org](https://www.kidneyfund.org), or connect with AKF on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Dear friends,

How do you fight something that is mostly invisible? That is one of the biggest challenges in the fight against kidney disease—the fact that it is stealthy, generally symptomless, and deadly.

We believe that winning the fight against kidney disease requires a comprehensive approach—and that’s why we are fighting on all fronts, from prevention through transplant.

When more than a third of Americans diagnosed with kidney failure each year have had little or no medical care for that condition, it’s clear that one of the most important battles is in increasing awareness, prevention and early detection. With your support we provide the nation’s largest free kidney health screening program and wide-reaching educational initiatives.

For people living with kidney disease and kidney failure, your support makes it possible for AKF to serve as a trusted source of education and information about disease management, empowering them to live the healthiest lives possible.

For those people with kidney failure who cannot afford the cost of medical care, we are the only organization providing a financial safety net that gives them access to the care they need to stay as healthy as possible.

We have also been fighting for three decades for adequate funding of clinical research, and we are engaged in new federal initiatives seeking to drive innovation into kidney care. We’re giving voice to Americans affected by kidney disease, advocating for public policy that improves the lives of those living with this disease and increases funding for kidney disease research.

All of this is possible through the generosity of people like you—the individuals, foundations and corporations who believe in our mission and give generously to fund it. For your partnership and support, we thank you.



Sincerely,

LaVarne A. Burton
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Kidney Fund

Dear friends,

For nearly five decades, the American Kidney Fund has played an essential role in the fight against kidney disease, having an impact on the lives of countless patients and their families, as well as the renal professionals and caregivers who are so important to people with kidney failure.

AKF touches more people directly than any other kidney nonprofit, and we execute our mission of fighting kidney disease and helping people live healthier lives with a focus on efficiency that makes each donated dollar go further.

I’m incredibly proud that in 2018, AKF has earned Charity Navigator’s highest 4-star rating for 17 consecutive years. We’re one of only a handful of organizations to do so, and the only health nonprofit in the group. What this means is that donors can be confident that 97 cents of every dollar is spent on patients and programs, not overhead.

AKF is a nonprofit that focuses on impact and outcomes. Whether we’re making sure that low-income kidney patients have the health care they need to survive, or we’re holding a free screening event that is identifying people with undiagnosed kidney disease, or we’re surveying patients and professionals to better understand the many facets of this disease, we make sure that every program makes a sustainable impact.

We are grateful for the support of each donor to AKF, and you have our continuing commitment to outstanding stewardship of the contributions you have made to support our mission.



Sincerely,

Jerry D. Klepner
Chair, American Kidney Fund Board of Trustees

“When my health would have been affected by not having the care, the American Kidney Fund allowed me to be able to concentrate without the stress, without the worry, on my best health, being my best me.”

—Della, dialysis patient



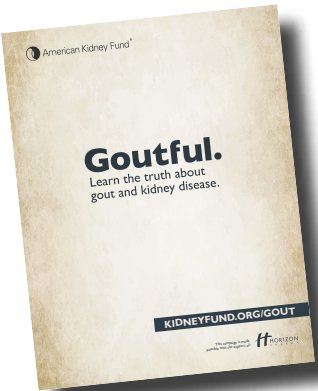
helping people cope with the burdens of kidney disease

A diagnosis of kidney disease or kidney failure changes everything. Drastic adjustments in diet and lifestyle, managing treatments and comorbidities, and anxiety about the future affect not only patients, but also their loved ones. AKF helps people cope with the burden of this disease in many ways that make a lasting and tangible difference in their lives.

We apply our nearly 50 years of direct experience with patients to develop **patient and caregiver education programs** that help demystify the disease and provide information and knowledge they can act on.

In 2018, we held monthly webinars on a wide range of topics including rare disease advocacy, phosphorus in the diet, depression among kidney patients, preparing for transplant, kidney disease in children and much more—including webinars in Spanish. Thousands of patients and caregivers tuned in, and tens of thousands later watched our webinars on demand. Support from Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharmaceuticals; Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals; and Satellite Healthcare helped make this valuable resource possible.

We launched a major educational campaign about gout and kidney disease with support from Horizon Pharma. **Goutful**—a combination of the words gout and doubtful—debunks common myths about gout and provides fact-based information about living with, and treating, gout. We also enhanced our **ACT on Anemia** campaign, which addresses one of the most common complications of kidney disease, by conducting a patient-professional survey to better understand perspectives on anemia. ACT on Anemia was created in 2016 with support from Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. In 2018, these strategic campaigns drove more than 600,000 people to online resources and resulted



in 60,000 people engaging with the content through our anemia symptoms identifier questionnaire and Goutful myths vs. facts quiz.

To help patients struggling with their restrictive diet requirements, we created a **series of step-by-step recipe videos** featuring a chef with expertise in designing specialized diets. We enhanced our CKD content on our website so visitors could easily find a range of resources in one place. And we significantly expanded information on our website about rare diseases that cause kidney disease and kidney failure. These initiatives were supported by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Keryx Biopharmaceuticals; Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals; Relypsa, Inc.; and Sanofi Genzyme.

Our **direct financial assistance to low-income dialysis and transplant patients** is an essential part of the safety net for patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). Through our Health Insurance Premium Program, we helped more than 75,000 patients in 2018 pay their health insurance premiums so they could access the health care they need to stay alive, including dialysis and transplant. Our program helps patients with all types of health insurance, including Medicare Part B, Medigap, Medicare Advantage, employer plans and commercial plans. We announced a major enhancement to the program in 2018, extending grant assistance to transplant patients for the full plan year post-transplant—a vital source of assistance that helps people get back on their feet. More than 1,000 dialysis patients in 2018 had kidney transplants with financial help from AKF, a scope of assistance unmatched by any organization.

We operate the only rapid-response emergency financial assistance program for dialysis patients affected by natural disasters, and in 2018 we supported nearly 1,800 patients affected by hurricanes Florence and Michael, which affected Florida, Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas, as well as patients affected by Super Typhoon Yutu, which devastated the U.S. territory of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition, through our Safety Net Program, we provided grants to nearly 10,000 patients to help defray treatment-related costs not covered by insurance—expenses like the cost of transportation to dialysis treatment, blood pressure cuffs and nutritional supplements. This support was made possible thanks to generous donations from many individuals, foundations and corporations, including Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.; the American Society of Nephrology; Relypsa, Inc.; and an anonymous donor.

Our Impact

2,500

More than 2,500 people attended our free monthly patient and caregiver webinars, and nearly 65,000 later viewed our webinars on demand.

8.7 million

Our award-winning website, KidneyFund.org, received over 8.7 million pageviews by visitors seeking to learn about kidney health.

87,000

We provided direct financial assistance to 87,000 low-income dialysis and transplant patients in every state and U.S. territory.

1,000

More than 1,000 dialysis patients were able to get kidney transplants with our assistance.

1,800

Nearly 1,800 patients turned to AKF for emergency financial assistance in the wake of natural disasters.

140,000

Our social media community grew to more than 140,000 patients, caregivers and renal professionals.



empowering

at-risk populations

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as many as 1 in 3 Americans is at risk for kidney disease. Reaching at-risk communities is one of AKF’s top priorities as we work to change the trajectory of kidney disease in the United States.

We operate the nation’s **largest free kidney health screening program**, Know Your Kidneys™, which targets areas of the country with high rates of kidney disease and its leading causes, diabetes and high blood pressure. Know Your Kidneys is made possible through support from American Renal Associates, Any Lab Test Now, Ardelyx, Satellite Healthcare, and U.S. Renal Care.

At Know Your Kidneys screenings, the AKF team educates people about the risk factors for kidney disease so they are empowered to take steps to stay healthy and prevent kidney disease. In 2018 we provided free kidney health screenings to more than 11,000 people in 23 cities nationwide, and found 19% with elevated blood glucose levels, more than 70% with elevated blood pressure, and 7% with kidney function below normal levels. Nearly 200 people who attended our screenings presented with life-threatening high blood pressure or glucose levels, and we referred them to EMS services for intervention.

As part of Know Your Kidneys, we also held three Kidney Action Days in 2018: San Jose, California; Memphis, Tennessee; and Houston. These large community events bring together patients, caregivers, advocates, renal professionals and elected officials to place a spotlight on kidney disease and provide free screenings to hundreds of people in a single day.



We extend our reach deep into communities by training **Kidney Health Coaches** who passionately educate their communities about healthy living and preventing kidney disease. Our nationwide network of Kidney Health Coaches holds thousands of educational sessions in a variety of settings—places of worship, community events, and even in their own homes.

In 2018, we formed a two-year partnership with TMF Health Quality Institute to insert a module on kidney disease into TMF’s six-week diabetes education curriculum. Over two years, 400 TMF Diabetes Health Educators in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Puerto Rico will be certified as AKF Kidney Health Coaches, using our curriculum to educate people living with diabetes on how to protect their kidney health.

Our Impact

11,000

We provided free kidney health screenings to more than 11,000 people in 23 cities nationwide.

1,900

In the District of Columbia, which has the highest rates of kidney disease in the country, we screened more than 1,900 high-risk individuals and provided follow-up education about kidney health.

1,000

Close to 1,000 AKF Kidney Health Coaches across the country educated their communities about kidney disease and how they can prevent it.

“Nephrology is a bit of an under-appreciated field because the kidneys do so much. And it’s not until people have advanced kidney disease or a complication that people really pay attention to it.”

—Katherine Wang, MD, Clinical Scientist in Nephrology (CSN) fellow



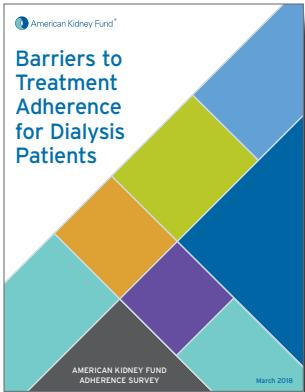
health professionals and advancing research innovations in nephrology

AKF engages with health care professionals caring for patients with, or at risk for, kidney disease in a variety of ways, with one primary goal: improving outcomes for patients.

We offer a suite of **online professional education courses** that meet the continuing education requirements of health care professionals addressing a broad range of topics on patient health, comorbidities of kidney disease, diet and nutrition, and treatment. In 2018 our courses were taken 6,900 times by more than 4,000 health care professionals, providing valuable and practical information that can be applied in the clinical setting. Thousands of health care professionals also attend our monthly webinars or watch them on demand, enhancing their own knowledge of topics important to the patients they serve.

We participate in and exhibit at professional conferences, **showcasing our educational campaigns and our resources for health care professionals**. In 2018, we designed customized educational materials to assist physicians in their communications with patients. Among the topics covered were anemia, CKD and gout.

Our unique position in the nonprofit world and nearly half a century of direct experience with patients allow us to garner insights into the patient journey that we share readily with those who care for patients. For example, the treatment regimen for people living with kidney failure is complex and demanding, yet following the prescribed treatment plan is essential for



patients to have the best possible health outcomes. In 2018, we released a report on the findings of **a major survey of dialysis patients and renal professionals** to understand the barriers to treatment adherence that can contribute to poor patient outcomes. Our report, “Barriers to Treatment Adherence for Dialysis Patients,” helped foster a deeper understanding of patient experiences and challenges so that the entire renal community may more effectively support patients. The survey and analysis were made possible by support from Amgen.

For three decades **we have supported clinical research**, identifying young nephrologists seeking to advance patient care and providing fellowships to fund their research. Our Clinical Scientist in Nephrology program has funded some of the field’s most prominent researchers early in their careers, helping to address the shortage of nephrology researchers, and in 2018 we added Dr. Katherine Wang of Stanford University to the distinguished list. Dr. Wang is studying the achievement of intensive blood pressure control in the Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT). Her fellowship was funded in part by a family foundation’s anonymous donation, an educational grant from Amgen, and individual donors.

AKF worked closely in 2018 with the kidney community and the federal government on **initiatives that promise to drive innovation in kidney care**. We provided recommendations for the focus areas of KidneyX, the Kidney Innovation Accelerator project that is a public-private partnership between the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the American Society of Nephrology. We supported the Kidney Health Initiative, founded by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the American Society of Nephrology to create a collaborative environment in which the FDA and the greater kidney community can interact to optimize the evaluation of drugs, devices, biologics and food products.



Clinical trials hold promise for new kidney disease treatments, but patients don’t always know trials are available, or they may not be familiar with the clinical trial process. In 2018 AKF continued our work to **break down barriers to clinical trial participation**. We developed extensive information for our website to educate people about clinical trials, including what to expect, frequently asked questions and a user-friendly way to search for clinical trials. We also worked with several companies to assist with patient recruitment in their clinical trials. Among those partners were Antidote Technologies, Inc.; Continuum Clinical; and Hansa Medical.

Our Impact

4,000

More 4,000 health care professionals took AKF’s 9 free, certified online courses nearly 6,900 times, obtaining continuing education about caring for people with, and at risk for, kidney disease.

1,200

Nearly 1,200 patients and 250 renal professionals participated in our survey to identify barriers to patient adherence to their treatment regimens.

SPRINT

Dr. Katie Wang became the newest AKF Clinical Scientist in Nephrology fellow, and with our support is studying the achievement of intensive blood pressure control in the Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT).

“I’m making plans for my future because I’ve been given a second chance at life. And by telling my story, it’s going to hopefully change someone’s mind about being a living donor.”

—Alysia Yamasaki, transplant patient

fighting

for patient rights

AKF is a strong and independent voice advocating for policies that improve access to health care and strengthen the quality of care for individuals with kidney disease. We work with Congress, the administration, federal agencies, and state governments to advance legislation and regulatory policies important to kidney patients and their families.

To help increase the number of kidneys available for transplant we worked at the state and federal levels in support of **protections for living organ donors**, who routinely face discrimination by life, disability and long-term care insurers. We also advocated for guaranteed job-protected leave for living donors to remove a common obstacle that can prevent many potential donors from even considering donating a kidney. In 2018, three states passed living donor protection legislation, and we helped build support for the federal legislation as well.

We fought to **protect patients’ access to the health care they need to stay alive** by advocating for their right to accept charitable assistance to help pay their insurance premiums. In California in 2018, we worked with a diverse coalition of patient and disease organizations as well as community organizations that opposed legislation backed by unions and insurers that would have made it impossible for AKF to continue providing financial assistance for health insurance premiums in California, and we worked with this coalition to secure a veto from the governor. We continued working with federal legislators to underscore the importance of this vital safety net for low-income, mostly minority dialysis and transplant patients.

We advocated on other issues important to kidney patients and their families, including requiring insurers to offer Medigap coverage to ESRD patients under 65 in all 50 states; addressing health disparities; and increasing funding for kidney disease research commensurate with its impact on Americans.





voice to the patient story

As the organization that touches more patients directly than any other kidney nonprofit, AKF provides a platform for patients and families to connect with each other and to effect positive change in the future of kidney disease.

Our **nationwide network of nearly 11,000 AKF Ambassadors**—patients, loved ones, caregivers and renal professionals—puts a face on the reality of kidney disease in American lives in support of important public policy initiatives. We provide training, support and opportunities to engage in legislation and regulation at the federal and state levels, allowing our Ambassadors to develop their own powerful voices in the fight against kidney disease.

In 2018, our Ambassadors told their stories in Washington, D.C. and in Sacramento, California, fighting against discriminatory health insurance practices and advocating for increased federal funding for kidney disease care and research. They visited their U.S. representatives and state legislators and contacted them by phone and email, making their voices heard on these important issues.

Support for our advocacy efforts was provided by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals; Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.; and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

During Kidney Month, we held a standing-room-only **briefing for Congressional staff on women and kidney disease**. U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene, co-chair of the Congressional Kidney Caucus, opened the session, which featured AKF Ambassadors who are mothers, dealing with kidney disease themselves but also being the primary caregivers for their children, and Dr. Jessica Tangren, an AKF Clinical Scientist in Nephrology conducting research on improving pregnancy outcomes for women who are living with kidney disease.

We built our **social media following** to more than 140,000 patients, caregivers and kidney care professionals, creating a welcoming community that shares information and provides encouragement in the fight against kidney disease. Our Facebook Live events featured patients sharing their experiences on diverse topics ranging from pregnancy and kidney disease to living with chronic gout.

Our **grassroots fundraising community, KidneyNation**, grew to more than 1,400 members united in support of AKF's mission. They honored loved ones lost to the disease, hosted and participated in athletic competitions, and celebrated birthdays and kidney transplant anniversaries, all in support of AKF's vital mission. We also celebrated with our Facebook followers, who reached out to their friends and fundraised for AKF.



We honored three members of our vibrant patient community at the 10th anniversary of at **our annual gala, The Hope Affair**. The Hope Affair is a special evening supported by many members of the renal community united together to support the work of AKF. Our 2018 Hero of Hope, Ron Krokey, is a longtime AKF Ambassador who passionately encourages others in their fight against kidney disease. He is a former grant recipient whose transplant was made possible by AKF's financial assistance. Our KidneyNation Excellence Award went to Juan Calle, who raised over \$38,000 for AKF's mission in two IRONMAN competitions in memory of his sister Laura. And we recognized the winner of our 2018 Calendar Kids Art Contest, 7-year-old De'Nahri Middleton, whose drawing of "Kidneyman" received the most votes and appears on the cover of our 2019 calendar.

Our regional events, A Pairing for Prevention, held in Boston and New York, and the New York Golf Classic brought together hundreds of supporters in those regions to raise money to support kidney patients in need and increase public understanding of chronic kidney disease. All of these events are powered by volunteers who believe deeply in our mission and we are grateful for their dedication to this cause.

Our Impact

11,000

Nearly 11,000 AKF Ambassadors from all 50 states participated in our Advocacy Network

140,000

More than 140,000 patients, caregivers and kidney care professionals participated in our social media community

1,400

More than 1,400 members of KidneyNation supported our mission through fundraising campaigns they designed themselves

“I give everything I can to help the needy and I want to make sure that my money is going to someone and they’re getting a majority of that money. And when I found out AKF does that, it makes me want to work even harder for them to fundraise.”

—Adrian Miller, transplant patient and KidneyNation fundraiser

earning

our donors’ trust

37 million Americans are living with kidney disease. Our mission has never been more urgent. We put our donors’ contributions where they will do the most good—funding our programs, not overhead. We spend 97 cents of every dollar invested on patients and programs, earning us the very highest ratings from charity watchdog groups like Charity Navigator and GuideStar.

Nearly 61,000 individuals across the country made charitable contributions to AKF to support our programs. We received strong support from corporations and foundations, enabling us to continue and expand our programmatic offerings, including funding for clinical research; development of educational webinars; dissemination of patient education materials; and free kidney health screenings across the country.

In 2018, we received our 17th consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, putting us in the “Top 10” list of organizations with the most consecutive 4-star ratings. Charity Navigator also recognized our disaster relief efforts in its list of highly-rated organizations helping those affected by Hurricane Michael.

We achieved GuideStar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition given to organizations that report metrics important to donors, and Consumer Reports once again listed AKF as one of the “Best Charities for Your Donations.”



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Fiscal year January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018

Public Support and Other Revenue

Contributions	\$	298,511,566
In-kind Contributions		521,028
Planned Giving		1,466,310
Other Income		359,242
Total Support and Revenue	\$	300,858,146

Expenses

Direct Patient Aid	\$	297,961,734
Public and Professional Education		9,537,413
Research and Community Service		123,579
Fundraising		4,462,458
Management and General		2,120,632
Total Expenses	\$	314,205,816
Net Deficit	\$	(13,347,670)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash and Investments	\$	23,594,407
Contribution Receivables		406,909
Furniture and Equipment, net		1,452,869
Inventory and Other Assets		1,117,107
Total Assets	\$	26,571,292

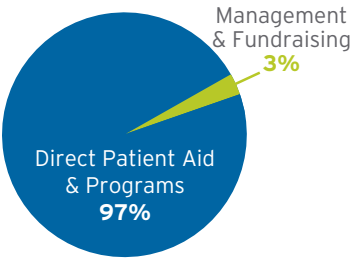
Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$	2,233,613
Deferred Rent		525,315
Annuities Payable		270,177
Total Liabilities	\$	3,029,105

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	\$	22,514,910
With Donor Restrictions		1,027,277
Total Net Assets	\$	23,542,187
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	26,571,292

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.



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\$10,000+

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