

**AMERICAN KIDNEY FUND 2023 ANNUAL REPORT** 

# Together

in the Fight Against Kidney Disease





Living with kidney disease can make you feel isolated, as you navigate the challenges of living with a chronic illness. The systematic barriers that people living with chronic kidney disease currently face can make a difficult journey even harder. But if we all come together, combining our efforts, resources and knowledge, we can help kidney patients feel less alone and work toward making our vision of a world without kidney disease a reality.

LaVarne A. Burton
 President and CEO



# Our vision is a world without kidney disease.

Until that day comes, we believe that every kidney patient should have access to high-quality health care, and every person at risk for kidney disease should be empowered to prevent it.

For more than 50 years, the American Kidney Fund (AKF) has partnered with a community of donors to fight kidney disease on all fronts by putting patients at the heart of everything we do. With comprehensive programs that meet people wherever they are in their experience with kidney disease, no kidney organization directly impacts more people living with kidney disease than we do.

We believe everyone deserves equal access to health care and resources to improve their kidney health. That's why tackling health inequities in kidney disease has been - and continues to be - a top priority since our founding in 1971.

Thank you for being part of our powerful kidney health community. Together, we are building a world without kidney disease.

## **Your 2023 Impact**

## on the Kidney Community



## Made 134 kidney transplants

happen every month by providing financial assistance to dialysis patients with low incomes.



## Reached close to **80,000 people**

during Kidney Action Week, our free, national virtual conference for patients, families and health professionals



AKF Ambassadors held more than

#### 530 advocacy

**Visits** with members of Congress and state elected officials.



Connected nearly **200 kids and** 

teens living with kidney disease through our national virtual camp.



Provided financial assistance to more than 66,000 dialysis and transplant patients.



## Trained more than 1,500 Kidney Health Coaches

in 2023, who provide kidney disease education to their communities.



Provided Disaster
Relief Grants to more
than **500 kidney**patients affected by
natural disasters.



Started a new fund to provide assistance with **living donor expenses.** 



More than **336,000 people** participated in our free monthly kidney disease webinars for patients and caregivers.



AKF was recognized with

### 29 excellence

awards for patientfriendly education campaigns, engaging videos, our new website and more.



Sent 25,760 action alerts

to state and federal legislators and

#### 15 comment

letters to federal agencies on issues vital to the kidney community.



#### 16.7 million

pageviews were made to our award-winning website, KidneyFund.org and we increased our Facebook group membership by 15%.



#### From the Desk of the CEO & Board Chair

Dear Friend,

As the fastest-growing noncontagious disease in our country, kidney disease is one of our nation's most pressing public health concerns. When diagnosed and treated early, it's possible to slow the progression of this disease and save lives.

Fighting on all fronts, the American Kidney Fund is transforming the lives of people with kidney disease and investing in education and awareness efforts to prevent millions of others from ever getting the disease.

No other organization globally makes such a direct impact on the lives of people living with this serious condition.

The progress you will read about in the pages that follow is possible because of the power of our community — generous people and organizations who share our vision of a world without kidney disease. Thank you for being an integral part of AKF's successes in 2023.

You will read about our Kidney Health For All™ initiative which is advancing solutions to address the disproportionate impact kidney failure has on Black and Hispanic/Latino communities. How we are expanding efforts to improve understanding and treatment of undiagnosed or misdiagnosed causes of kidney disease. How our financial assistance programs are ensuring that a kidney disease diagnosis does not become a prescription for poverty and much, much more.

The pages that follow represent hope. Hope for better treatments. Hope for equity in health care delivery. Hope for an increase in organ donations. And hope for a future without kidney disease.

Thank you for being an agent of hope. None of this important work would be possible without your support. We appreciate the trust you have placed in the American Kidney Fund, and we work hard every day to sustain that trust. We invest 97 cents of every dollar donated to patients and programs, and we hold the highest 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator and the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar.

On behalf of the entire AKF team, thank you for your generosity and compassion. Thank you for helping us build a future where no family faces the devastation of kidney disease. Working together, we will get there.

**LaVarne A. Burton**President and CEO

Silas Prescod Norman, M.D., M.P.H. Chair, Board of Trustees

With gratitude,

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## Working Together to Provide Lifesaving Financial Assistance to Those in Need

One of every eight Americans on dialysis, and many post-transplant patients, simply cannot afford the high cost of health care they need. AKF is committed to ensuring that every kidney disease patient has access to lifesaving treatments that allow them to survive — and thrive. Our ability to uphold this commitment is possible because of the unwavering support of tens of thousands of generous sponsors and donors. We are proud to work alongside them because they share these core beliefs that define our work:

- No one should lose their health insurance during a medical crisis.
   Our Health Insurance Premium Program (HIPP) provided nearly 58,000 low-income dialysis and transplant patients access to treatment last year in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and every U.S. territory.
- No one should forgo essential treatments because they can't
  afford them. Last year, our Safety Net Program supported nearly 8,500
  people living with kidney failure by paying for transportation to dialysis,
  nutritional products and other expenses not covered by health insurance.
  Additionally, the newly established David Atkins Living Donor Assistance
  Fund provided financial grants to 13 living kidney donors to help cover
  out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance.



I had two kidneys, and I didn't need both. Why not save a life?

—Sarah M.,Kidney Donor

- No one should be alone when disaster strikes.
   In 2023, AKF provided Disaster Relief Grants to more than 500 people with kidney failure who were affected by tornadoes in Mississippi, wildfires in Hawaii, Typhoon Mawar in Guam and Hurricane Idalia in Florida.
- No patient should miss out on a life-saving transplant because of financial limitations. Right now, more than 90,000 people are waiting for a new kidney in the U.S. Our financial assistance program makes it possible for low-income individuals to qualify for the transplant waiting list. In 2023, AKF provided financial support to make 134 transplants possible every month.

# **Generous Gift from The David Atkins Fund Reduces Barriers to Kidney Transplant**

Currently, there are nearly 104,000 Americans on the organ transplant waiting list and over 90,000 of them are waiting for a new kidney. Of the 27,332 kidney transplants performed in the U.S. in 2023, approximately 1 out of 4 were made possible by living organ donors. Many others want to give the gift of donating a kidney, but out-of-pocket expenses not covered by the recipient's health insurance often create barriers.

In September 2023, AKF launched the David Atkins Living Donor Assistance Fund to reduce those barriers and allow more people to make the incredible lifesaving gift of donating a kidney. The fund provides grants for living donors who either do not qualify for any state financial support or who incur supplemental expenses they need covered. The program launched by funding 13 living donors in Massachusetts in December 2023 and has now expanded to living donors in New York City-area hospitals.



This is
My Last
Kidney

---- Duc Dang

Recently, Duc Dang opened up to us about his experience with kidney failure and how AKF helped save his life. Read on to learn more about his journey:

I've always been an independent person and don't like to ask for help. Back in 1997, I started noticing headaches and swelling in my knees. I then discovered I had toxins in my blood and was in kidney failure. I gained a new kidney that year from a family member.

When I lost my second kidney in 2017, I signed up for the transplant list right away. But it takes a long time with over 700 people on the waiting list in my area. I was on dialysis for five and a half years. It was hard to work steadily and AKF paid my insurance premium. For that, I am immensely grateful.

On dialysis, I couldn't do much. I got very emotional, became very isolated. I really didn't have a great life. But then I got the call, they had a kidney for me. The second surgery was harder, and I didn't bounce back as quickly. Now, after many months of recovery, I am working again and enjoying my life.

The best days are when I can get out and about. Recently, I was able to drive to Arizona for a couple of days and enjoy time in the pool with friends without worrying about things sticking out of my stomach — I haven't been able to do that in six years.

Staying healthy is a big priority for me because this is my last kidney. I don't drink alcohol, and I eat much better. AKF truly helped save my life and I'm so grateful.



# Achieving Kidney Health for All



Health Equity is a human right.

-Ethan P.

People of all races and backgrounds get kidney disease at about the same rate, but Black and Hispanic people are significantly more likely to develop kidney failure. People of color are also less likely to receive a kidney transplant. It's unacceptable, and AKF is working tirelessly to change the status quo.

We are leading the fight for health equity in kidney disease because no patient — regardless of ethnic or racial background or economic status — should lack access to the care they need to live their best possible life. AKF's Kidney Health for All™ initiative is building equitable solutions in prevention and disease management, home dialysis, diversity in clinical trials and transplant access. Our 2023 Kidney Health for All™ accomplishments include:

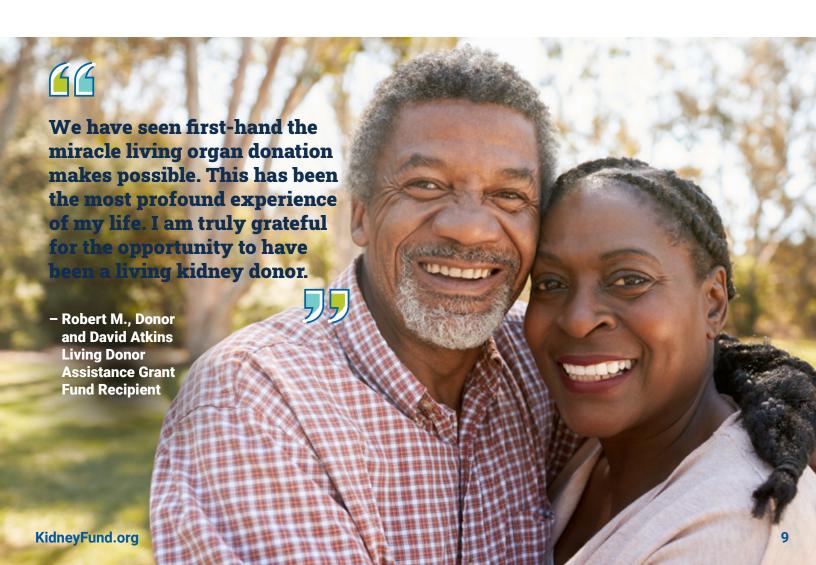
KidneyHealthForAll.org: AKF launched our Kidney Health for All
website in 2023 to provide a centralized hub of tools and resources for
people of color and those who are disproportionately affected by kidney
failure.

- Health Equity Trainings: Also launched in 2023, AKF's health equity training program provides virtual and in-person training to communities across the country touched by kidney disease, including patients, caregivers and health care professionals.
- Health Equity Coalition: As part of the initiative, AKF created and convened
  the AKF Health Equity Coalition, comprised of 27 organizations, patients and
  caregivers that advise and help guide the development of evidence-based
  programs and resources for AKF's patient and professional audiences.
- Home Dialysis Resources: AKF launched three new resources on home dialysis to help people learn more about this option and whether at-home treatment is right for them. Topics include comparing home dialysis options, dispelling home dialysis myths and a home dialysis decision aid.

In 2023, Kidney Health for All™ was supported by Presenting Sponsors Boehringer Ingelheim and Eli Lilly and Company, Travere Therapeutics and Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated; Leadership Sponsor AstraZeneca; and Equity Sponsors Merck, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. and Sanofi. Thank you for your philanthropic leadership as we create a more equitable health care landscape for all.



organizations, patients and caregivers make up the AKF Health Equity





# **United in the Fight Against Kidney Disease**

People are at the heart of everything we do. With the tremendous support of our many donors, partners and sponsors, we are working to build a future without kidney disease while also providing real solutions for people living with the disease today. Caring is a team effort and we're grateful to all our supporters who come together to help us save and improve lives.



## 3 meal plans

offer flexible
examples that
dietitians can tailor
to the specific
dietary needs of
their patients



#### **Kidney Kitchen Pro**™

Eating healthy doesn't have to be dull. The American Kidney Fund (AKF) is restoring the pleasure of eating for kidney disease patients by providing delicious, healthy recipes, access to renal dietitians and more! Last year, AKF introduced three new sample meal plans and

toolkits, offering flexible examples that dietitians can tailor to meet the specific dietary needs of their patients. With these resources, AKF is empowering patients to embrace their health without sacrificing flavor or enjoyment at mealtime.



#### **National Virtual Camp**

In its second full year, AKF's National Virtual Camp expanded to include 12 hospitals and nearly 200 campers between the ages of 4 and 16 from 30 states. This free program provides children with a break from hospitals and allows them to form friendships with other kids just like them. In short, it allows them to just be kids again. In 2023,

we added new programming specifically for children with the rare kidney disease cystinosis. We are grateful for the generous support of The Schattner Foundation and Horizon Therapeutics for making National Virtual Camp possible in 2023.



#### **Kidney Action Week**

Our fourth annual Kidney Action Week in March was a can't miss event, with more than 5,600 registrants from the kidney community and 80,000 views of the recorded on-demand sessions throughout the year. Through 18 virtual education sessions, we brought together people living with kidney disease, caregivers and health care

providers. Topics included the link between kidney disease and mental health, how to find a living kidney donor, a Q&A with renal dietitians, kidney disease prevention, dialysis and transplantation, and more. And thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters, the event was completely free to attendees.

Kidney Action Week 2023 was made possible thanks to the generous support of lead sponsors Boehringer Ingelheim and Eli Lilly and Company, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. and U.S. Renal Care, Inc., as well as additional session support from Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc., Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Travere Therapeutics, Inc. and Satellite Healthcare. Thank you!



I don't want
to ever sign
out of these
zooms!
This is the
only time I
can talk to
people like
me!

-Trystian, Age 16, Camper

#### **Deep Gratitude for The Schattner Foundation**

Unwavering dedication. Those are the words that best describe the extraordinary commitment of The Schattner Foundation to our kidney community. Founded by dentist, businessman and philanthropist Robert Schattner, the Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$1 million to the American Kidney Fund.

In 2018, long-time friend of Dr. Schattner and Foundation board member, Bob Sievers, partnered with AKF to honor his friend with the first of many gifts from The Foundation. Over the years, The Schattner Foundation has funded vital programs including financial assistance for those living with kidney failure in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area and emergency assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters. The Foundation also helped launch and continues to support AKF's National Virtual Camp program to help children living with kidney disease reduce isolation and increase their confidence and self-esteem.

The Schattner Foundation's extraordinary generosity has touched countless lives, providing not just financial support but also hope, resilience and brighter futures for the patients and families we serve.

#### **The Hope Affair: Celebrating Heroes**

#### John Bayton, AKF's 2023 Hero of Hope Honoree

Every year at The Hope Affair, our national gala, we gather to honor the individuals who inspire us in the fight against kidney disease—patients, policymakers, advocates and dedicated supporters. At the 2023 Hope Affair, we had the privilege of recognizing John Bayton as our 2023 Hero of Hope. Reserved for those living with kidney disease who have made an extraordinary impact within the kidney community, this distinguished award celebrates individuals whose courage and commitment transcend their own challenges. John exemplifies this in every way. John is not only a beacon of hope for fellow patients but also a remarkable donor who gives back with both his time and generous contributions. His actions serve as an inspiring testament to the profound difference one person can make in the lives of many.

"My main motivation to advocate for [people with kidney failure] stems from my time spent in dialysis centers, where I witnessed and heard from people who felt that they did not have a voice or stake in their care. This was especially true of the elderly and people of color who expressed concerns with their level of care, lack of information and the feeling of not having any control or ability to express their desires. This led me to become an advocate for those I felt had no voice. It continues to be my primary motivation."





# Helping More People Find the Root Cause of Their Kidney Disease

Identifying the root cause of kidney disease is important when making lifesaving treatment decisions. But many kidney patients do not know the underlying cause of their disease. We are working to change this through several programs and initiatives.

#### **Unknown Causes of Kidney Disease (UCKD) Coalition**

The coalition comprises 15 organizations and individuals working collaboratively to advance progress in identifying kidney diseases of unknown origin. In 2023, thanks to very generous support from our sponsors, the UCKD Coalition hosted the following events to improve the diagnosis of rare kidney disease.

#### Rare Kidney Disease Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill

On Sept. 21, AKF convened the Rare Kidney Disease Advocacy Day, the first event of its kind. AKF Ambassadors, patient advocates from the IgA Nephropathy Foundation, health care professionals and members of the UCKD Coalition connected with lawmakers on Capitol Hill to discuss legislation important to people living with rare kidney diseases. Representing



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The role AKF played in my pre-transplant was unbelievable! I had many appointments that I needed to have done to make sure I was a good candidate to receive a transplant, and without AKF, paying for these tests would have put me in financial hardship

-Jim S.

seven states, nine advocates (all of whom have a rare kidney disease) had 23 meetings with their senators' and representatives' offices.

## The Unknown Causes of Kidney Disease Summit

The UCKD Summit was held in December, bringing together more than 100 medical leaders, patient advocates and academic and industry leaders to identify how we can drive innovation in research, diagnosis and treatment of the underlying causes of kidney disease. This was the first in-person summit after three years of virtual summits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At AKF, we will keep investing in answers because we believe every person living with kidney disease deserves to know what caused it.

We are grateful to the following sponsors who made our 2023 UCKD programming possible: Title Sponsors Novartis and Travere Therapeutics; Lead Sponsors Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc. and Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and Champion Sponsors Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Amgen, Natera and Sanofi.







## **Advocacy in Action**

Advocacy is a powerful force for change. When advocates share their personal stories, those stories help transform policies and laws to improve health outcomes for people living with kidney disease. In 2023, the American Kidney Fund (AKF) launched a series of innovative health equity training events — both virtual and in-person — to empower people in communities across the nation to amplify their voices and drive meaningful change.

AKF Ambassadors are the heart and soul of our advocacy work, educating elected officials and the media about the real impact of kidney disease. They are fighting on the frontlines to protect and improve patients' access to care and increase funding for research. With their help, AKF helped progress legislation and initiatives that will benefit people living with kidney disease.

#### **Patient Access Initiative (PAI) Summit**

In April 2023, AKF convened members of the kidney disease community in Washington, D.C. to discuss barriers to affordable innovative health care for people



Overall, [AKF's Kidney **Action Summit] was a** wonderful experience that I will never forget. Truly, it was an experience of a lifetime. I would encourage everyone to apply and take part. Being the face of kidney disease and telling my story is what will pass laws. Thank you, American Kidney Fund, for this opportunity to go to Capitol Hill, represent you and tell my story."

-Shante B.

# 2023 by the Numbers: AKF Advocacy in Action



21

AKF led and supported the passage of **21 state** bills.



5

**states** passed living donor protection bills.



24+

AKF Ambassadors met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C.



**12** 

**states** passed biomarker coverage for people with kidney disease.

with kidney disease. As the first event of its kind, the summit focused on the growing burden on patients and caregivers, challenges to securing approval for lifesaving products and alternative insurance payment models to improve patient access and affordability. Attendees also discussed possible solutions to ensure equitable access to quality health care that would help address the crisis in kidney disease. Leadership support was provided by Novartis Pharmaceuticals and Travere Therapeutics. Additional support was provided by Horizon Therapeutics plc and Vertex Pharmaceuticals, as well as Alexion Pharmaceuticals and CSL Vifor. We are grateful to all our sponsors who made this important work possible.

#### **Kidney Action Summit**

In May, more than two dozen AKF Ambassadors — kidney patients, caregivers and living donors from across the country — met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to urge them to support legislation and policies to improve the lives of those living with kidney disease.

"Hearing from people who have chronic kidney disease gives our legislators an idea of how they can better help these individuals. Not only does it give us a sense of hope, but it helps us to see that there are people who care and want to make a difference." – Lauren D., college student from New Jersey living with chronic kidney disease.

#### **Advancing State Legislation**

In 2023, AKF led and supported the passage of 21 state bills benefiting the kidney community. We successfully passed comprehensive Medigap reform in Kentucky and Virginia, living donor protection bills in five states and biomarker coverage for people with kidney disease in 12 states.

AKF has led efforts at the state and federal levels to get living donor protection legislation passed for years. Each year, we publish our Living Donor Protection Report Card to spotlight the urgent need for a uniform federal system to replace the current uneven patchwork of living donor protection laws at the state level. We're proud to report that in the third annual AKF State of the States: Living Donor Protection Report Card, the national grade average improved from a D to a C. Your continued support will help us expand protections and reduce barriers for living organ donors, until our nation gets an A grade.

Are you interested in helping to fight for positive change for the kidney community? Text "KIDNEY" to 52886 to sign up for our Mobile Advocacy Network and to receive other alerts.





# Advancing Kidney Disease Research and Treatment

Over the past three decades, AKF's prestigious research fellowship program has awarded grants to more than 50 emerging nephrologists, supporting the brightest minds in the field during the early stages of their careers. As our nation faces a shortage of nephrology researchers, our Clinical Scientist in Nephrology fellowships help attract urgently needed research talent to the kidney field.

These trailblazing researchers have driven transformative advancements in kidney health care, from developing national guidelines for detecting and managing chronic kidney disease to deepening our understanding of biomarkers used to monitor disease progression. These AKF-supported researchers have also led groundbreaking efforts to combat racial disparities in patient care, helping to ensure equitable treatment for all kidney patients.



Dr. Alexandra Bicki



Dr. Nivetha Subramanian

#### **2023 Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellows**

In April 2023, AKF awarded fellowships to two talented kidney researchers – **Dr. Alexandra Bicki**, a pediatric nephrology fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, and **Dr. Nivetha Subramanian**, a nephrology fellow at Stanford Medicine.

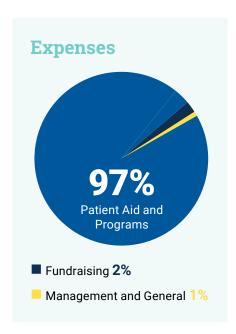
"Adolescence and young adulthood are such crucial times in development, and even more so for those living with a chronic disease

like chronic kidney disease. Through this study, we hope to expand our knowledge of the factors that influence long-term transplant outcomes. Armed with this data, we can design successful interventions to facilitate transplant patients' success later in life." – Dr. Alexandra Bicki, 2023 Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellow

Thank you to Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. for its generous support of AKF's Clinical Scientist in Nephrology program.

# Financial Highlights

Fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023





#### **Statement of Activities**

<b>Public Support and Other Revenue</b>	
Contributions	\$ 344,483,127
Planned Giving	2,685,316
In-kind Contributions	951,422
Other Income	6,964,394
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 355,084,259

#### **Expenses**

Change in Net Assets	\$ 70,678,431
Total Expenses	\$ 284,405,828
Management and General	3,746,486
Fundraising	7,390,366
Research	363,791
Education, Advocacy and Outreach	16,283,822
Direct Patient Aid	\$ 256,621,363
Experioes	

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

Without Donor Restrictions-Undesignated

#### **Assets**

Cash	\$ 124,491,320
Investments	29,533,360
Contribution Receivables, net	2,094,976
Furniture and Equipment, net	899,540
Right of Use Asset	1,322,988
Other Assets	1,549,574
Total Assets	\$ 159.891.758

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 3,126,676
Lease Liability	1,322,988
Annuities Payable	134,314
Other Liabilities	909,733
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,493,711

#### **Net Assets**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 159 891 758
Total Net Assets	\$ 154,398,047
With Donor Restrictions	5,676,934
Without Donor Restrictions—Board Designated	74,831,000
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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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## **Corporate Partners**

Thank you to our Corporate Partners who supported AKF in 2023.

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