

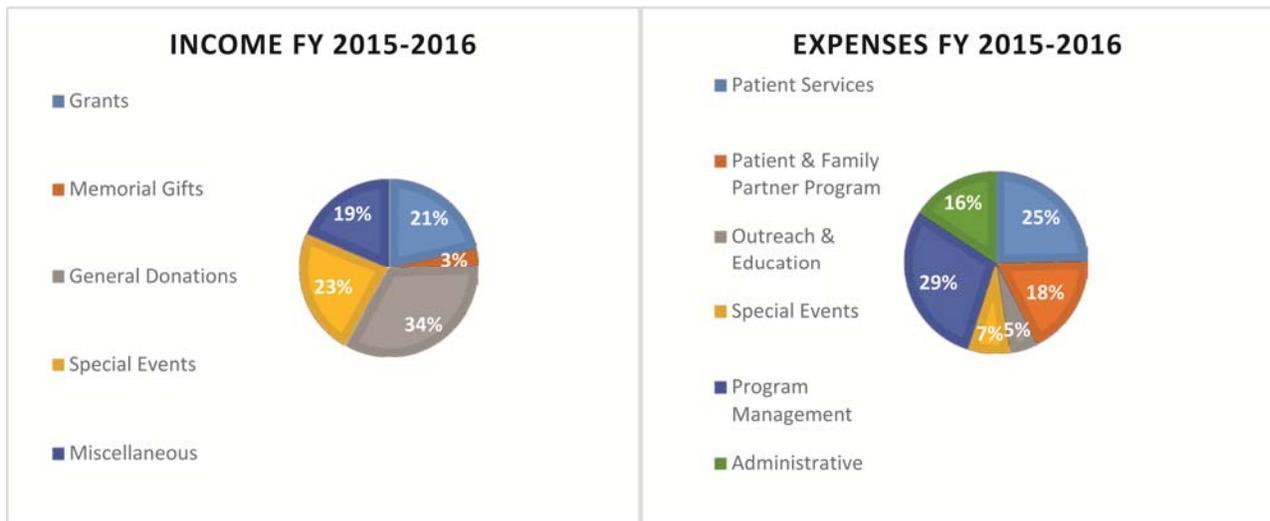
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY WINTER 2016

What Does KFCP Do With Your Gift?

As outgoing President for the Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania and on behalf of our entire Board of Directors, I am pleased to present our executive director, Joan Line's summary of our year's accomplishments.

Since its inception in 1979, the focus of the Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania has been on improving the lives of patients and families impacted by chronic kidney disease. At no time has this mission been more critical than during this past year. According to recent statistic from Quality Insights Renal Network 4, there are 7,002 people undergoing dialysis due to end stage renal disease in the 28 county region we serve.

A diagnosis of end stage renal disease (ESRD) is life-changing for the patient and for the family. Their "new normal" consists of three-times-a-week in-center dialysis or home hemodialysis, loss of energy, increased medical costs, and often the inability to maintain full time employment. There is no other nonprofit organization in our region that administers to the psychosocial, financial, and emotional needs of patients and their families the way KFCP does. We are proud of what we do, and grateful to all of the individuals, corporations and organizations that support our mission with their contributions, and to the volunteers who give their gift of time and talent throughout the year. *(The graphs below are based on Fiscal Year ending June 2016 – audit pending)*



PATIENT SERVICE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The year started with a flurry of activity at KFCP. During the month of March, and in recognition of National Kidney Month and World Kidney Day, KFCP hosted and participated in events geared to increasing awareness, prevention, and treatment of chronic kidney disease. In pursuit of meeting our mission to educate our central Pennsylvania community about chronic kidney disease, KFCP participated with the Department of Health by distributing kidney health literature to over **500** individuals during PA Kidney Awareness Day. Throughout the year, KFCP provided outreach and education to over **4,000** individuals through partnerships with **Fresenius Kidney Care, Gift of Life Donor Program, PinnacleHealth, Hamilton Health, Mutzabaugh's Market, Inc. and the Partnership for Better Health.**

Along with increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease, we also advocate for organ donations and we work to raise awareness about the need for more living donations in order to reduce the wait for a lifesaving kidney transplant. Kidneys are the most transplanted organs and the following are current statistics from Gift of Life Donor Program, the region's organ and tissue transplant network www.donors1.org. To date, in 2016 - **121,678** individuals are on the national waiting list for an organ transplant, with **100,791** awaiting a kidney. In 2015 there were **14,064** kidney transplants throughout the nation with **1,051** Pennsylvanians receiving a new kidney. As of October 7, 2016, in Pennsylvania, **6,635** individuals are waiting for a kidney.

The KFCP **Patient Emergency Assistance Fund** supported **350** dialysis patients and helped social workers at dialysis centers and transplant programs in our 28-county region respond to the short term financial needs of patients with nutritional renal friendly food, transportation to scheduled dialysis treatment appointments, medication co-pays and unplanned medical expenses.

Our nationally recognized **Patient and Family Partner Program** (PFPP) continues to grow and has currently **100** Certified Volunteer Partners mentoring approximately **200** patients. The PFPP is supported by PennState Hershey Medical Center through a grant by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) - Improving Patient Quality of Life & Caregivers Burden by a Peer-Led Mentoring Program for Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease and Their Caregivers.

We provided campership support to **50** children so that they could attend Camp Kydnie. One of the most rewarding outcomes of Camp Kydnie is hearing the feedback from the children, parents and counselors on why Camp Kydnie is so special. KFCP is the major sponsor of Camp Kydnie but we alone could not assure its existence without the superb community partners who support us - **Constellation – An Exelon Company, Dauphin County Medical Society Alliance, Fresenius Kidney Care, Glatfelter Insurance Company, LAMAR Advertising Company, Nestle Purina, Partnership for Better Health, PinnacleHealth, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania, Alisa Snelbaker & Cass Gibson, and The Hershey Company.**

The office processed applications and monthly claims totaling \$54,753 for **161** PA Dialysis Department of Health Chronic Renal Disease Program participants. This program helps pay for costs of shared ride or paratransit services for patients who must rely on public transportation to get to and from dialysis treatments.

KFCP hosted the annual **Professional Education Symposium, Update on Chronic Kidney Disease** which was attended by over 150 healthcare professionals. This full day educational symposium is a highlight for professionals and providers involved in the care of patients with kidney disease and made possible with the support from the PennState College of Medicine, Lancaster General Health Essa E. Flory Renal Dialysis Endowment and PinnacleHealth.

The annual **Patient & Family Education & Celebration Day** in Harrisburg and Lancaster was a big success with over **275** in attendance. This free event provides an opportunity for patients, their families and friends to mix and mingle and learn from others facing similar health challenges. This day was made possible through support from **AMGEN, DaVita, Lancaster General Health Foundation, Essa E. Flory Renal Dialysis Endowment Fund, Fresenius Kidney Care, Hershey Kidney Specialists, Hypertension & Kidney Specialists, Nephrology Associates of Central PA, PinnacleHealth Transplant Services, and Transplant Express.**

What is behind the significance of these numbers? Because **every** number has a name, **every** name has a story, and **every** story matters to KFCP. Each week, we are privileged to hear stories from colleagues, patients, families and caregivers. We THANK YOU in the community for making it possible for the KFCP board of directors, staff and volunteers to do these amazing things in support of our mission and vision to enhance the lives of everyone impacted by chronic kidney disease.

As we look forward to 2017, our top priority is ensuring a quality experience for all those impacted by chronic kidney disease by providing the support and resources to experience an exceptional outcome in all the areas we can be of service. We very much look forward to your continued partnership in the pursuit of health for our community.

With every good wish for a healthy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

*- Laurence E. Carroll, MD, FASN, FNKF, President
and Joan Line, MPA, Executive Director*