

KidneyTexas Celebrates 25 Years!

The KidneyTexas, Inc. membership is a vibrant group of longtime, new and up-and-coming community and business leaders and supporters, many of whom have worked for the past 25 years to bring about awareness of kidney disease, fund dialysis machines, research, a kidney Camp for Kids (Camp Reynal, which includes dialysis machines), and more.

The Runway Report Luncheon and Fashion Show, KidneyTexas' major fundraiser is one of the first fashion shows of the fall season, it is well attended and features fashions from some of the most high-profile fashion designers in the industry. This year, fashions from **Betty Reiter**, **Tootsies**, **Nardos** and **St. John** and jewelry from **Bachendorf's** will be presented by **Jan Strimple Productions**.

Chairs of the event are **Kaleta Blaffer Johnson** and **Claire Catrino**. **Lauryn Gayle White** is the Honorary Chairman. **Monica Cooley** is the President of KidneyTexas. **Lynn Dealey** designed the Luncheon logo.

Funds raised by the Luncheon and Fashion Show are granted to different beneficiaries each year, but the main benefit is that the funds stay in our community. This year the beneficiary recipients are:

- Texas Health Resources Foundation \$15,775 - Hemodialysis machine
- Southwest Transplant Alliance \$26,000 - Profusion Pump
- Camp Reynal \$15,600 - Fees for 80 campers and counselors
- Children's Medical Center Foundation \$20,000 - Ultrasound Machine
- Methodist Health System Foundation \$10,000 - 40 scales and 2 prosthetic arms
- Baylor Scott & White Health Foundation \$35,000 - 2000 screenings for CKD (chronic kidney disease).

We provide funding to improve the methods of treatment, the search for a cure and prevention of



Left to right; Kaleta Blaffer Johnson and Claire Catrino, Luncheon Co-Chairs.

kidney disease and other kindred or contributory diseases; and to develop more adequate provision for the care of persons suffering from such diseases.

There are 88,663 people on the national kidney transplant lists and 8,284 currently on the Texas Kidney waitlist. This number fluctuates depending on when the statistics are pulled so safe to say 100,000 for the national figure.

As of May 2023, the CDC estimates that 35.5 million people or one in seven adults have chronic kidney disease in the US. In 2022, there were 14,903 deceased organ donors and over 42,800 transplants nationally.

In 2022, there were 2,394 kidney transplants performed in Texas. The number of Texans on dialysis is over 50,000 and Texas is relatively in the middle for age-adjusted chronic disease death rates compared to other states. African American and Hispanic ethnicities are the most affected by Kidney disease in the US and have the greater risk for diabetes and high blood pressure which are the leading causes for Chronic Kidney Disease.

President's Message

Photo by Rob Wythe



It's our Silver Anniversary, y'all! I am so honored to be your president this year as we celebrate 25 years of improving the lives of kidney patients right here in North Texas. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you, and also take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to the ongoing work of our organization. Your generosity and support have made KidneyTexas stand strong throughout the last quarter-century, and I am grateful to stand among the selfless women who saw a need, and rose to fill that need.

Did you know that more people die from kidney disease each year than from breast or prostate cancer? And thousands more ~ both children and adults ~ are profoundly affected by the tremendous physical, financial, and emotional toll brought on by kidney disease. Since our founding in 1999, we have provided more than \$4.7 million in local funding to help in the search for a cure by promoting research, enhancing treatment, and supporting quality renal care in our community. But friends, this is KidneyTexas! We don't just raise money -- we do it with STYLE!

So mark your calendars for The Runway Report Luncheon and Fashion Show on Tuesday, September 24th, because you will not want to miss it! We have the dynamic duo of Claire Catrino and Kaleta Blaffer Johnson chairing the luncheon, and with Jan Strimple Productions on board you just know the energy will be intoxicating because these ladies know how to set fire to an event!

Our full KidneyTexas calendar will be out shortly, so stand by for more fun stuff to add to your datebook. And if you want to play along behind the scenes, we're always excited to welcome new volunteers to help with our events, so please send us a message at kidneytexas@sbcglobal.net to let us know you're interested. Because thanks to YOU, and the generosity and efforts of all of our dedicated members, we are transforming lives: North Texans living with kidney disease, and the diseases our research impacts, have reason to hope for a better life.

Monica Cooley

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President 2024



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KidneyTexas Spring Tea



1. Kaleta Blaffer Johnson, Monica Cooley, Claire Catrino. 2. Monica Cooley, Mari Epperson. 3. Wendy Hansen, Nancy Greenbach, Natalie Taylor, Nancy Dennis, Anne Seanor. 4. AB Aston, Patty Jo Turner, Cindy Hanson. 5. Nancy Dennis, Barbara Bigham. 6. Mari Epperson and Deborah Brown. 7. Stacey Wiggins, Teri Bumgarner.

Group Photos by Rob Wythe

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1. Connie Rhoades, Mercedes Hotz, Mary Silba. 2. Sheridan Reeder, Morgan Pieper, Kaleta Blaffer Johnson, Natalie Border, Claire Catrino, Sarah Bowlby. 3. Therese Rourk, Andrea Alcorn. 4. Rosanna Nardizzi, Jeanette McClennahan. 5. Rose Gault and Sandy Secor. 6. Yvette Chapman, Lorraine Meenan, Kathy Dewbre, Jan Ward, Carol Murphy. 7. Pat Holder Ritter, Dixie Marshall.

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1. Cile McCormick, Mary Miller. 2. Nils Johnson, Joyce Fox. 3. Dyann Skelton, Martha Cox, Therese Rourk. 4. Natalie Taylor, Pat Holder Ritter, Andrea Alcorn, Fran Cashen. 5. Sarah Bowlby, Claire Catrino. 6. Anne Seanor, Charlotte Finley.

KidneyTexas, Inc. Calendar

Calendar 2024

Silver Anniversary - 25 Years!

January 26, Board Meeting/Charity Presentation Meeting

March 28, Spring Tea

May 29, Camp Reynal Trip

June, Board Meeting TBA

August, Board Meeting TBA

September 24, Luncheon/Fashion Show

September, Luncheon Patron Appreciation Event

October, Fall Tea TBA

December, Kidney Texas Christmas Party (date set by hospital)

December, Check Presentation Party TBA

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