A message from our CEO, Torie Kranze

NEW ORLEANS, LA. — (March 26, 2020) —The health and safety of everyone involved with the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is very important, which is why we are doing our part to make things better for our community and the people we serve. Therefore, after reviewing the best practice guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control, Louisiana Department of Health and Human Services and local/state government mandates regarding COVID-19, the NKFL made the difficult decision to not hold any in-person events through May 1, 2020.

As we look to the future, we are hard at work at rescheduling our events, reworking our programs, and compiling online and phone support services.

Below are a few ways we can stay connected:

- 1. Find out what the coronavirus means to someone with kidney disease or another chronic condition. Visit www.kidneyla.org/coronavirus for more information on what steps you can take to best protect yourself.
- 2. Donations from the public are crucial to help us continue the programs and services we offer to people with and at-risk for kidney disease. If you haven't done so already, please consider making a gift, (no amount is too big or too small) at: donorbox.org/donate-to-nkfl
- 3. If you or a loved one have kidney disease and are looking for phone or online-based resources, the NKFL is here to help. Visit <u>kidneyla.org/nkf-cares</u> or <u>kidneyla.org/nkf-peers</u> for a variety of options.

While our staff is working remotely to comply with efforts to reduce the spread of the virus, we are still here for you . . . just not as physically close. Questions about kidney disease or transplant can be emailed to <u>info@kidneyla.org</u>. We are accepting phone inquiries at 800-462-3694 but responses may be slightly delayed.

Please visit kidneyla.org and follow us on social media (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>) @NKFLA for additional help and the most up to date information.

Take Care,

Torie Kranze Chief Executive Officer National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana