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Upper Providence Resident Steps Up to Fight Kidney Disease

Upper Providence, PA – Dave Magrogan has been named the 2014 Kidney Walk Chairman for the National Kidney Foundation's Fall Kidney Walks in the Delaware Valley. The fundraising walks will take place in Philadelphia, Wilmington, DE, and Chester County, on Sunday, October 12th.

Magrogan, of Upper Providence, is the founder of the Dave Magrogan Group (DMG). DMG is a full-service hospitality management company that has created the Kildare's Irish Pub chain, the award-winning Doc Magrogan's Oyster House, the critically acclaimed Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar, and the Stella Rossa Ristorante.

"Dave brings so much excitement and energy to all of his endeavors, and we're honored that he's stepping up as chair of the Philadelphia Kidney Walk," said Joanne Spink, Division President for the National Kidney Foundation serving the Delaware Valley. "Dave's support is vital to our mission of raising awareness of kidney disease in the community."

In Pennsylvania alone, more than 18,000 people receive dialysis treatment for kidney failure and 6,800 are on the waiting list for a life-saving kidney transplant. It is estimated that 1 in 9 Pennsylvanians have kidney disease, and most don't know it because symptoms usually appear late in the disease's progression.

"I am honored to lead this inspirational event because kidney disease affects so many here in the Delaware Valley," said Magrogan. "This is such an important public health issue in our country, and I am happy to lend my support to the cause."

Magrogan will join thousands of patients, supporters and healthcare workers between the three Delaware Valley Kidney Walks on October 12th. Between the three walks, the NKF is hoping to raise \$700,000. The Kidney Walk is a non-competitive event that raises funds to fight kidney disease through awareness, prevention and treatment programs. Walkers participate as individuals or form teams with family, friends or colleagues. Kidney walks are held in cities across the country throughout the year. To join an event or support a walker, visit www.kidneywalk.org.

"Whether you are a friend, family member, co-worker or someone personally affected by kidney disease, one person's action can have an impact," said Magrogan. "Take your own bold steps and join us as we work together to fight kidney disease."

Facts from the National Kidney Foundation:

- Kidney disease kills over 90,000 Americans each year -- more than breast and prostate cancer combined.
- More than 26 million Americans have chronic kidney disease and most don't know it.
- 73 million American adults are at risk due to high blood pressure, diabetes, a family history of kidney failure, or being over the age of 60.
- In Pennsylvania, over 18,000 people with kidney failure are kept alive with dialysis. More than 430,000 people in the United States depend on dialysis treatment to survive.
- About 6,800 Pennsylvanians are waiting for a kidney transplant.

The **National Kidney Foundation** (NKF) is the leading organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and tens of millions of Americans at risk. For more information, visit www.kidney.org

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