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National Kidney Foundation to honor Gwynedd Valley Resident at Annual Kidney Ball
Art Pasquarella honored for local and national work with kidney patients

Philadelphia, PA -- February 11, 2015 – On Saturday, March 14th, Gwynedd Valley resident and Chief Operating Officer of Equus Capital Partners, Ltd., Arthur P. Pasquarella, will be honored by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) at the 31st Annual Kidney Ball at Vie in Philadelphia.

Pasquarella is currently a member of both the National and local Delaware Valley Board of Directors of NKF. He served as the Chair of the Delaware Valley Board from 2010-2012, and is currently serving as the Development Committee Chair for NKF's national board. Pasquarella was recently elected to serve as the 2016-2017 National Board Chair, and continues to support the local NKF Chapter immensely throughout the year. He has fundraised over \$200,000 for the local chapter through their Golf Classic and Kidney Walk programs this year alone.

"Through both my personal experience and my work with the National Kidney Foundation, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges of people battling kidney disease," said Pasquarella, who donated a kidney to his eldest brother in 2010. "It is their courage that inspires me to give back through my support of the National Kidney Foundation."

Each year NKF selects a volunteer and a physician to honor as individuals who have championed NKF's mission and who are dedicated to helping those with kidney disease. Alongside Pasquarella, this year's gala will honor nephrologist Dr. Jeffrey Berns, of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, as this year's physician honoree.

The Kidney Ball is the NKF's annual black-tie affair, and honors those in the community who have made a difference in the lives of kidney patients and have advanced the mission of the National Kidney Foundation. The Kidney Ball is one of NKF's largest annual fundraisers and is anticipated to raise \$400,000 for the organization's awareness, prevention, and treatment programs.

The Kidney Ball is sponsored by Divine Insurance Group, PSDC, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Crozer-Keystone Health System, Equus Capital Partners, Ltd., Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, DaVita, Delaware Valley Nephrology and Hypertension Associates and many more. Those interested in attending or sponsoring can find more information online at www.nkfdv.org.

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 their families, and tens of millions of Americans at risk. For more information, visit www.kidney.org.