National Kidney Foundation to honor Lankenau Medical Center nephrologist at Annual Awards Ceremony

Wynnewood, PA-- February 17, 2016 –Dr. Robert Benz, nephrologist of Lankenau Medical Center, has been selected as the recipient of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF)’s Excellence in Care Award. Dr. Benz will be honored on World Kidney Day, Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the NKF Honors Awards Reception in Philadelphia.

Dr. Robert Benz is the Chief of the Division of Nephrology at Main Line Health and Lankenau and has been caring for Philadelphia area kidney patients for over 30 years. He is also currently Director of the Nephrology Fellowship Program and has trained numerous residents and fellows with teaching being a major part of career and mission, utilizing the knowledge and education that he gained during his years at Penn. He currently sits on the NKF’s Medical Advisory Board along with many other leadership roles in the field.

“It is a pleasure to be presenting Dr. Benz with the Excellence in Care Award at March’s NKF Honors Award Ceremony,” said Christin Naab, Executive Director of the National Kidney Foundation in Philadelphia. “Dr. Benz and Lankenau Medical Center are committed to improving the health and quality of life for kidney patients and help to provide top quality care right here in the Delaware Valley.”

Alongside Dr. Benz, NKF will honor Joseph Cosgrove, President and CEO of Pentec Health with the Leadership in Business Award, Tina Wilson, of Team Wilson/Wilmington University with the Community Leadership Award and Philadelphia native and MC Freeway, with the Patient Advocacy Award.

NKF Honors is the NKF’s annual affair that honors those in the communities 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 over $300,000 for the organization’s awareness, prevention, and treatment programs. Those interested in attending or sponsoring can find more information online at www.nkfdv.org or contact Natalie Coney at natalie.coney@kidney.org or (215) 923-8611.

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