National Kidney Foundation to honor Philly MC at Annual Awards Ceremony

Freeway honored for local and national advocacy work for the NKF

Philadelphia, PA -- February 17, 2016 – Philadelphia-based MC has been selected as the recipient of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF)’s Patient Advocacy Award. Freeway will be honored on World Kidney Day, Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the NKF Honors Awards Reception in Philadelphia.

During September 2015, without warning, the 37-year-old State Property MC and North Philadelphia native was diagnosed with kidney failure. Currently undergoing dialysis three times a week, Freeway is committed to raising awareness of kidney disease and ensuring Philadelphians stay on top of their kidney health. In October, Freeway hosted and helped kick off the Kidney Walk in Philadelphia at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The event drew over 4,000 walkers who helped raise awareness and funds to support the fight against kidney disease.

“It is a pleasure to be presenting Freeway with the Patient Advocacy Award at March’s NKF Honors Award Ceremony,” said Christin Naab, Executive Director of the National Kidney Foundation in Philadelphia. “Freeway remains committed to sharing his story on local and national platforms, encouraging the public to learn kidney disease risk factors and to get their kidneys checked.”

Alongside Freeway, NKF will honor Joseph Cosgrove, President and CEO of Pentec Health with the Leadership in Business Award, nephrologist Dr. Robert Benz, of Lankenau Medical Center with the Excellence in Care Award and Mrs. Tina Wilson, of Team Wilson/Wilmington University with the Community Leadership 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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