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TOP 10

2019 ADVOCACY SUCCESSES

1. NKF played a key role in the launch of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative that directs the Department of Human Services (HHS) to take bold action to transform how kidney disease is prevented, diagnosed, and treated over the next decade. Specifically, NKF’s advocacy led to the initiative’s focus on improving patients’ access to home dialysis, increasing the number of kidneys available for transplant, reducing disincentives to living donation, and reducing the kidney discard rate.
2. Added nearly 70 U.S. Representatives and 15 U.S. Senators as co-sponsors for the Living Donor Protection Act (S. 511/H.R. 1224), nearly as many as during the last two-year Congress.
3. Spearheading the effort to have legislation introduced to extend Medicare’s coverage of immunosuppressant drugs for the life of a kidney transplant.
4. Successfully advocated for an increase in funding for kidney disease programs, including the National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the House of Representatives.
5. NKF advocates and local staff successfully advocated in 2019 for the passage of nine state versions of the Living Donor Protection Act.
6. NKF played a key leadership role in working with health agencies to shape regulations affecting kidney disease; in the process NKF submitted comments to government agencies on nine proposed regulations, including a transformative model to change the treatment of kidney failure by driving greater use of home dialysis and transplantation.
7. NKF launched the new KidneyX Patient Innovator Challenge to reward kidney patients, care partners, and others who apply to the Challenge for their ideas and innovations on how to solve some of the most frustrating problems facing the kidney patients and their families.
8. Hosted the most successful annual Kidney Patient Summit to date with more than 120 advocates from 43 states holding over 180 meetings with Congressional offices.
9. NKF’s local staff and advocates have held meetings with more than 750 federal, state, and local legislators to educate them about kidney disease.
10. Grassroots advocates have sent their legislators nearly 18,000 emails, tweets, and calls to share their stories and support NKF’s initiatives.

**all statistics as of September 15th, 2019*

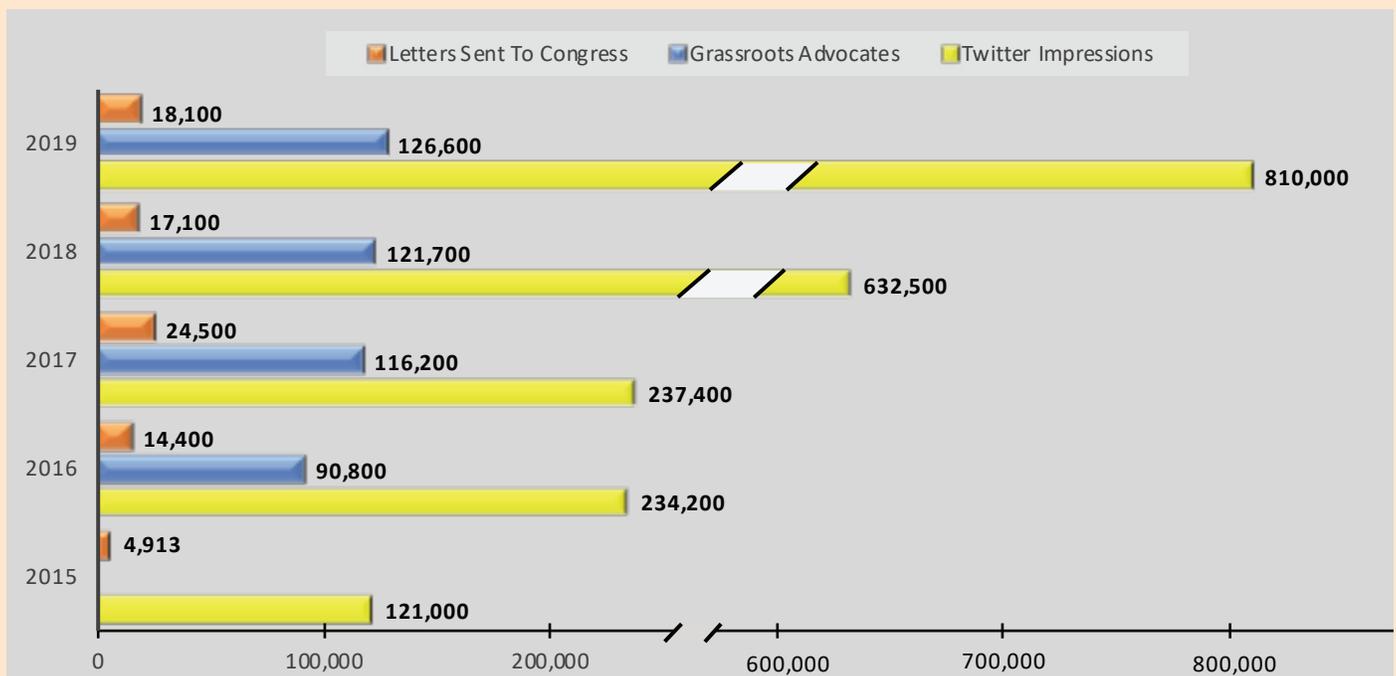
NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION'S

KIDNEY ADVOCACY COMMITTEE & KIDNEY OUTREACH TEAM

NKF's advocacy committees, consisting of CKD patients, transplant recipients, living organ donors, practitioners and patients' families. Each year, NKF's more than 260 advocates:

1. Strengthen NKF's visibility as the patient-centered organization by becoming patient spokespersons, building relationships with local and national media outlets, and representing the patient voice at numerous external conferences and meetings within the kidney health and broader medical community
2. Develop NKF partnerships with Members of Congress, state and local officials to make kidney care a national and state priority and advance NKF's public policy priorities
3. Propel forward NKF's strategic plan for awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease by participating in NKF events and programs, and providing input on patient and public education materials

Grassroots Advocacy Growth



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