



# VIRTUAL NKF CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS RECEPTION

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6:00PM - 7:00PM EST



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Executive Director, NKF Serving the National  
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Kevin Longino  
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Executive Director, NKF Serving Kentucky &  
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Tonya L. Saffer  
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Samuel J. Marchio  
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Anthem, Inc.

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Representative Jason Smith  
Missouri, District 8  
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Tonya L. Saffer, MPH

Vice President, Government Affairs and Market Access  
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**Tonya Saffer**, leads public policy, reimbursement strategy and tactical execution for the company's Tablo Hemodialysis System—an innovative dialysis technology. Tonya is also responsible for developing alliances across multiple stakeholders to identify best practices, centers of excellence, and advance better kidney care models for patients. Tonya has spent over 15 years in health policy focused on chronic kidney disease. Her previous roles include Vice President, Health Policy at the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), Reimbursement and Product Commercialization at Avalere Health, Dialysis Patient Citizens, and DaVita, Inc. From 2013-2019, Tonya was appointed by the County Executive to serve her local community as an adviser on the Montgomery County, MD Commission on Health. She currently volunteers for Every-Mind as a Call Specialist, helping those experiencing mental health crisis. Tonya earned a M.P.H. in Health Policy from the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services.



# Award Recipient

*For their advocacy and work on HR 5426, the National Kidney Foundation is pleased to honor Congressman Bobby L. Rush (IL) and Jason Smith (MO)*



## Congressman Bobby L. Rush

United States Representative Bobby L. Rush is a transcendent and influential American leader who keeps his legislative and policy interests focused on the needs of his constituents in the 1st Congressional District of Illinois, with an emphasis on the most vulnerable and the communities that have been left behind. He believes deeply in the redemptive power of the human spirit and in human ingenuity and tenacity. In office since 1993, Rush stands on the shoulders of a long line of patriots and public servants who have gone before him and who are ardent believers in our Constitution. His life is an example of our nation's fundamental promise and his work reflects a deep determination to bend the arc of government resources and innovation towards the needs of every American — whether they live on our nation's main streets or its side streets. Rush fights every day for his constituents; to improve their lives, grow the economy, bring jobs to the district, and build a stronger middle class.

Chicago and its surrounding communities are a snapshot of the diversity that is found across America. While large parts of Rush's district include communities that house world-class health and educational institutions and a diverse array of businesses, there are others where youth unemployment and acts of violence are far too common. Rush has focused on providing a public policy approach to creating jobs, tackling gun violence, and making communities safer. Rush is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army and an ordained minister with a Master's Degree in Theology. Rush has honorary doctorate degrees from the Virginia University of Lynchburg, Roosevelt University, and the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). In addition to his Congressional responsibilities, Rush is the pastor of the Beloved Community Christian Church of God in Christ in Chicago. Rush listens to his constituents with a pastor's ear and acts on their needs through hard work, empathy, and a commitment to public service. Rush was married to the late Carolyn Rush for 37 years and recently married Minister Evangelist Paulette Rush.



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### **Congressman Jason Smith**

Jason Smith is a seventh-generation Missourian, a citizen-legislator, and a champion for the rights and values of rural Missourians. Jason was raised in Salem, Missouri, where he still owns the same family farm that was started by his great grandfather. He attended Salem High School, where he was an active member of FFA. At the University of Missouri-Columbia, Jason earned degrees in Agricultural Economics and Business Administration. After receiving degrees from both programs in three years, he attended law school at Oklahoma City University before returning home to serve his community. Back home in Missouri Jason began running the family farm and practicing law. It was during this time that he recognized the harm that the overbearing government was inflicting on Missourians and our economy. This inspired Jason to run for office himself so he could begin to undo the damage.

Jason was elected to the Missouri General Assembly in a special election in 2005. In the General Assembly, Jason fought to shrink the size of state government, eliminate burdensome rules and regulations, increase government transparency, protect property rights, require drug testing for welfare recipients, and defend Missouri agriculture. Thanks to his efforts, Jason's colleagues selected him to serve in leadership: first as the Majority Whip and then as Speaker Pro Tem—one of the youngest in state history.

During a special election in June of 2013, Jason was elected to represent Missouri's Eighth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. As a member of the 117th Congress, Jason serves as the Republican Leader of the Budget Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. In Washington Jason has made a name for himself as a strong defender of rural Missouri and all of rural America. Jason is committed to fighting intrusive government regulations, increasing markets for farmers and ranchers, and protecting his constituents' rural way of life. Congressman Smith served in House leadership during all four years of President Trump's term from 2016 to 2020. Jason used this role as a platform to be a strong advocate for holding government and Washington accountable to the folks of Missouri.

In 2021, Jason was rated as the top conservative in the Missouri Delegation by the American Conservative Union; he is a life member of the National Rifle Association, pro-life and supports traditional values. Jason attends Grace Community Church in Salem.



# Salick Advocacy Award Recipient

*For her advocacy for transplant recipients and donors in the state of Kentucky, the National Kidney Foundation is pleased to honor Beth Burbridge*



## Beth Burbridge

Beth Burbridge, of Louisville, donated her kidney to a neighbor's son in May 2019 and soon after began working with her Kentucky state representatives and senators to pass a Living Donor Protection Act during the 2021 session. She is now working to build on that success by passing a bill that would establish tax credits for others in Kentucky who choose to give the gift of life.



Pictured to the left: Beth Burbridge with her husband and three sons upon being presented with the National Kidney Foundation's Salick Advocacy Award.



Pictured Above: April Enix (left) presenting Beth Burbridge (right) with the National Kidney Foundation's 2022 Salick Advocacy Award.

Pictured to the right: Beth Burbridge at the UofL Health - Trager Transplant Center where she donated her kidney.





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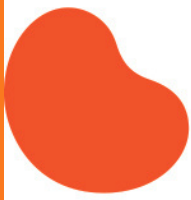
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