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Across the country, the National Kidney Foundation is honoring Kidney Heroes on the National Kidney Foundation Wall of Hope. The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is excited to be taking nominations for our Kidney Heroes who will be honored at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Le Gala de la Bonne Vie on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the New Orleans Marriott Convention Center.

If your life has been touched by kidney disease, then you know what it's like to see courage in motion. The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Le Gala de la Bonne Vie celebrates that courage! The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana invites you to nominate an individual who has made a difference in the fight against kidney disease. Nominees should be a part of the community of people committed to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease.

The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana is actively working to improve the quality of life for the 26 million Americans living with kidney disease – a condition many don't even know they have. This silent disease takes more lives annually than breast or prostate cancer; in Louisiana there are over 460,000 individuals with chronic kidney disease, nearly 10,000 on dialysis and over 1,900 people are waiting for organ transplants, 85% of whom are waiting for a kidney.

Money raised at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Le Gala de la Bonne Vie will support the programs and services of the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana. The NKFL is the major statewide voluntary nonprofit health organization dedicated to preventing kidney disease, improving the health and well-being of individuals affected by kidney disease and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. The NKFL provides vital patient and community services, conducts extensive public and professional education campaigns, advocates for patients through legislative action and supports kidney research to identify new treatments.

Please use the attached form to nominate a Kidney Hero to be honored at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Le Gala de la Bonne Vie on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Nominations are due Monday, February 20, 2017 and honorees will be announced Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Once selected, each honoree is asked to raise a minimum of \$1,000. Those raising the most money will receive special recognition.

For more information, please contact the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana at 504-861-4500 or email: [torie@kidneyla.org](mailto:torie@kidneyla.org).

Sincerely,

Torie Kranze  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, Inc.



2017 Kidney Hero Nomination Form  
27<sup>th</sup> Annual Le Gala de la Bonne Vie  
Celebrating our Kidney Heroes

I would like to apply/nominate the following to be honored as one of the Kidney Heroes:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Job Title

Company

Community Involvement: (Include organizations the applicant supports, clubs to which the applicant belongs, committees on which the applicant serves and volunteer work in which the applicant participates.)

Interests/Hobbies/Awards/Other Information about Applicant (Any information such as unique hobbies, skills, experiences or awards is helpful and may be used in bio portion of program.)

Please list contact information for nominator or a reference if self nominating:

Name of Reference or Person Nominating

Phone

Email

*Photo: We invite applicants to submit a photo via email (cecilia@kidneyla.org). Upon applicant selection to be a Kidney Hero, the NKFL has consent to publish, exhibit and reproduce the photograph in any matter they see fit.*

*Each Kidney Hero is asked to raise a minimum of \$1,000. In accepting the nomination, each Kidney Hero honoree is making a commitment to help secure funds to further the NKFL's mission of awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease. Kidney Heroes are encouraged to raise this money through sponsorships, outside events and online/traditional letter writing.*

Please email, fax or mail nomination form to: (all nominees must be received no later than February 20, 2017)

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