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To Whom It May Concern,

The mission statement of the Kidney Kids, Inc states that it is an organization devoted to supporting children with kidney diseases and illnesses as well as their families. As the Nephrology social worker at the Children's National Medical Center, I am so grateful and appreciative of Kidney Kids and Keith Turner.

In the last six months, I have asked Kidney Kids for help on several occasions. Kidney Kids has made it possible for over 80 cases of nutrition supplement to be delivered to our neediest dialysis and transplant patients. Kidney Kids provided financial assistance to a single mother unable to pay unanticipated Medicare payments. Another single mother of a peritoneal dialysis patient could not pay the Pepco bill. With Kidney Kids help, another mother of a 4 year old peritoneal dialysis patient was able to order the Patient Pride PD belts, so that he could play with his nursery school classmates.

Such generosity of spirit and resources mean so much to all of us at Children's National Medical Center and our patients and families. Kidney Kids, Inc. is a model of community outreach and assistance and deserves continued support. Keith Turner is a dynamic and tireless supporter of our kidney kids and I value him as a colleague.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marialis Zmuda".

Marialis Zmuda, LICSW
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