

Mr. Neal gave a rousing, detailed and informative speech on the importance of healthy eating. He introduced many easy ways to add healthy foods to one's diet and pointed out the serious need for good nutrition practices when one is dealing with such a major life-changer as kidney disease. His talk was very well-received by all in the ballroom and he graciously answered questions from the participants at the NKF Vendor table after his speech.

There were 10 vendor tables with a variety of information: Genzyme, DaVita, Northern Pharmacy, Abbott Renal, American Access Care, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, Donate Life, Johns Hopkins and Maryland Council of Renal Nutrition. Gift bookmarks, made by the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority of Towson University, were distributed and appreciated by all participants.

A raffle of gift cards donated by NKF-MD board members served as patient door prizes and became a highly anticipated part of all three events. The heartfelt volunteer assistance of area social workers, dialysis technicians and Board members was valued by all in attendance.