

February 6, 2007

The National Kidney Foundation of Maryland is gearing up for Kidney Walk 2007! This year there will be three Kidney Walks throughout our area:

Sunday, April 29th at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Sunday, April 29th at the Salisbury Zoo in Salisbury

Sunday, May 6th at Centennial Park in Ellicott City

I am very excited about the **Dialysis Unit Challenge** this year. More information about the Challenge is enclosed. If your unit plans to participate in the Walk and organize a team, please fax or mail back to me the enclosed team registration form. Please note that in order to be eligible for the Dialysis Unit Challenge, your unit must register a team. Team members can raise money and still be a part of the team, even if they are not able to attend the actual Walk. You can also form a "virtual Walk team" online and raise money even if you are unable to attend the Walk. Upon receiving your team registration form, I will mail you a team captain packet so that you can get started.

As you know, chronic kidney disease (CKD) has reached epidemic proportions in the United States. As many as 20 million people currently have substantially impaired kidney function. Proceeds from the Walk benefit kidney and urology patients, fund research for a cure, provide emergency financial assistance, educational programs and health screenings.

Please call me at 410-494-8545 or email kmeltzer@kidneymd.org with any questions or if you need additional materials. Register online today at www.kidneymd.org.

Sincerely,

Kelly

Kelly Meltzer
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