

Keryx Teams up with American Kidney Fund to 'Blanket' Dialysis Community with Thoughtful Donation

Handmade fleece blankets made by Keryx employees donated to dialysis patients in Maryland and South Carolina

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, UNITED STATES, March 21, 2017

/EINPresswire.com/ -- Forty dialysis patients are feeling a little bit warmer during their treatments during Kidney Month thanks to a generous group of employees at Keryx Biopharmaceuticals. Keryx makes a medicine used to treat hyperphosphatemia in dialysis patients, and the company's employees wanted to find a way to give back to the dialysis community.

On average, people with kidney failure receive dialysis three times a week at a dialysis center; each session lasts three to four hours. Members of the Keryx employee volunteer committee thought dialysis patients would enjoy having cozy fleece blankets to keep them warm while receiving their dialysis treatment and organized a blanket making drive at Keryx. Keryx purchased the materials and designated a day during which any employee could help work on the blankets in a conference room. Keryx employees worked together to create a total of 40 brightly colored blankets.



Employees of Keryx Biopharmaceuticals made blankets for dialysis patients, who often feel cold during their treatments.

“

We know that dialysis patients may feel cold during their treatments, so our blankets are not only warming them up, but we also hope that they are cheering them up.”

Nicole Corcoran, chairperson of Keryx's volunteer committee

“These blankets are a tangible way to show that Keryx isn't just a company that manufactures medicine, but is a group of people who care deeply about people living with end-stage renal disease” said Nicole Corcoran, chairperson of Keryx's volunteer committee. “We know that dialysis patients may feel cold during their treatments, so our blankets are not only warming them up, but we also hope that they are cheering them up.”

The Keryx team reached out to the American Kidney Fund (AKF), the nation's leading nonprofit working on behalf of Americans with kidney disease, to help distribute the blankets to dialysis centers. AKF delivered the blankets to two South

Carolina dialysis centers in areas that had been affected by Hurricane Matthew and one dialysis center in Rockville, Maryland, where AKF is headquartered.

“When we provided the blankets to the patients, they were so excited to have them,” said Kim Nelson, a Licensed Master Social Worker at FMC Low Country Dialysis Center in Port Royal, South Carolina, which received a shipment of blankets. “We can’t thank Keryx enough.”

About the American Kidney Fund

As the nation’s leading nonprofit working on behalf of the 31 million Americans with kidney disease, the American Kidney Fund is dedicated to ensuring that every kidney patient has access to health care, and that every person at risk for kidney disease is empowered to prevent it. AKF provides a complete spectrum of programs and services: prevention outreach, top-rated health educational resources, and direct financial assistance enabling 1 in 5 U.S. dialysis patients to access lifesaving medical care, including dialysis and transplantation.

For more information, please visit KidneyFund.org, or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

#

Alice Andors
American Kidney Fund
2402927053
email us here

This press release can be viewed online at: <http://www.einpresswire.com>

Disclaimer: If you have any questions regarding information in this press release please contact the company listed in the press release. Please do not contact EIN Presswire. We will be unable to assist you with your inquiry. EIN Presswire disclaims any content contained in these releases.

© 1995-2017 IPD Group, Inc. All Right Reserved.