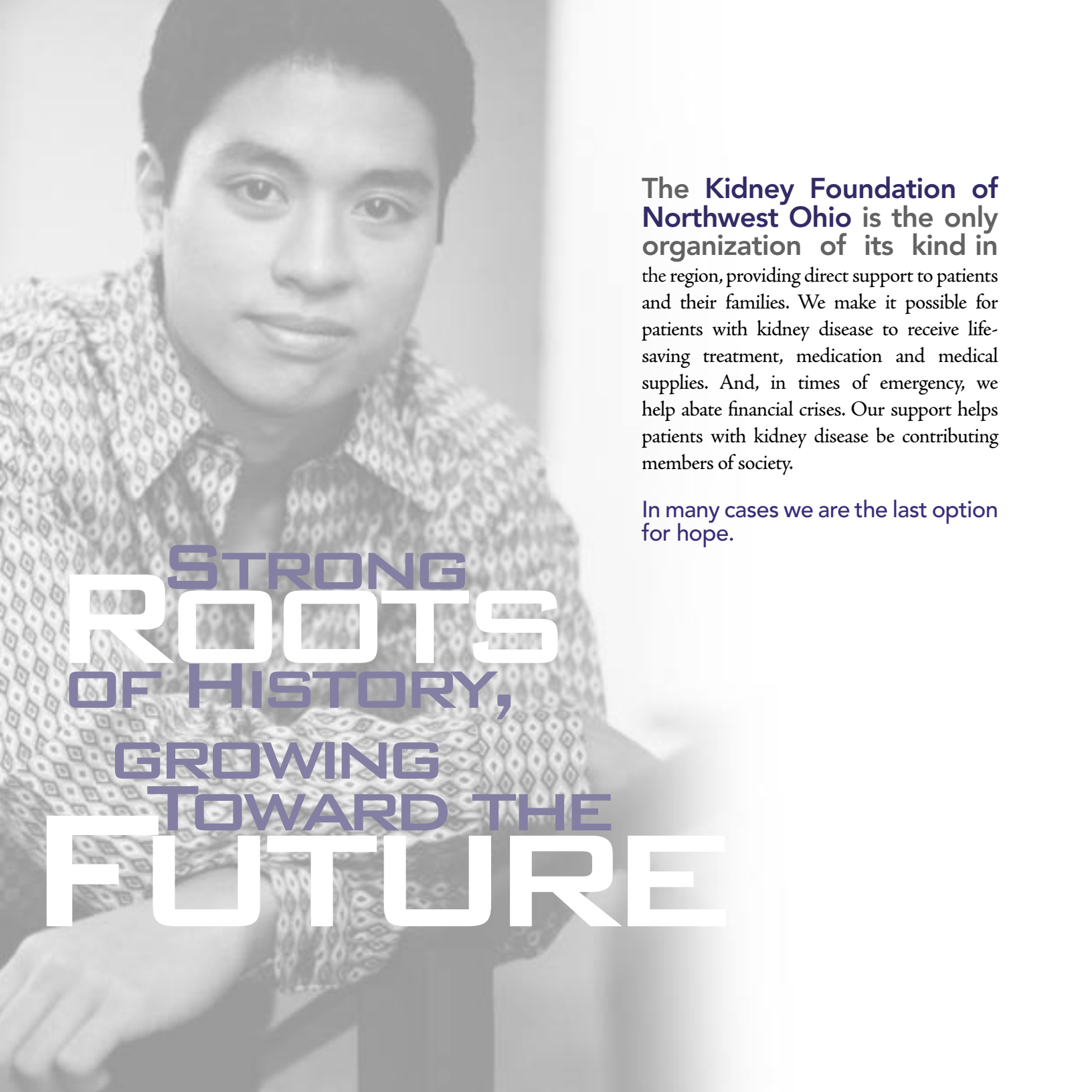


Kidney Foundation
of Northwest Ohio

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Empowering patients to
manage kidney disease

The Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio is an independent non-profit agency that has been operating in Northwest Ohio since 1966. We specialize in supporting people who suffer from kidney disease.



The **Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio** is the only organization of its kind in the region, providing direct support to patients and their families. We make it possible for patients with kidney disease to receive life-saving treatment, medication and medical supplies. And, in times of emergency, we help abate financial crises. Our support helps patients with kidney disease be contributing members of society.

In many cases we are the last option for hope.

STRONG
ROOTS
OF HISTORY,
GROWING
TOWARD THE
FUTURE

“There is no other organization that provides this type of vital assistance to our clients.”

Ann S., Nephrology Social Worker

Unless chronic kidney disease affects one's own family, it is difficult to understand the unrelenting physical, emotional and financial strain it causes. Patients **must** take expensive medications for the **rest of their lives**. Those patients with kidney failure must receive exhaustive dialysis treatments three times per week, every week, for the rest of their lives. Patients and their families face a constant battle to maintain their households while buying expensive medications and arranging regular transportation to and from dialysis. It is a never-ending cycle and a hidden suffering that affects thousands of Northwest Ohio residents every single day.

This is where the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio uniquely rises to the challenge.

No other organization in the region is working to alleviate the suffering of patients and their families who struggle to manage this disease. Beyond alleviating their suffering, the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio works to empower patients.

We empower patients through nutrition education, family support counseling, and reinforcement of human dignity and compassion. These are the hallmarks that distinguish the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio from every other non-profit agency in the region.

For families with limited means who deal with this chronic disease, there simply is no alternative for support.

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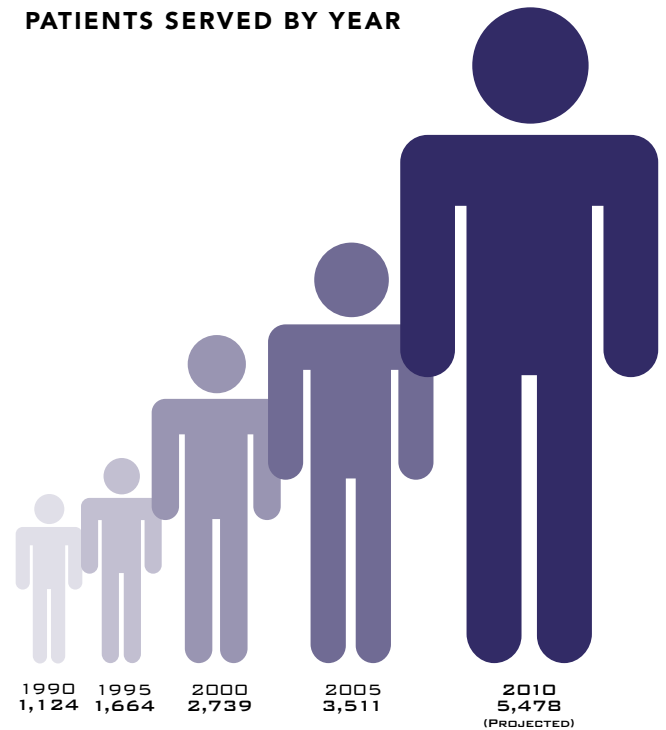
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“The financial/emergency assistance provided by the Kidney Foundation is the most beneficial to me.”

Paul B., Patient since 1999



PATIENTS SERVED BY YEAR

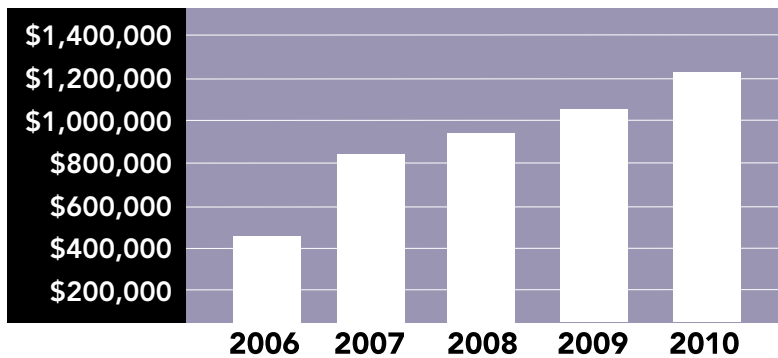


Tomorrow's Concerns Are Today's Realities

The most sobering fact about kidney disease is that the number of people living with kidney disease will double by the year 2010. This alarming statistic is much more than mere projection – it is a reality. Statistics further provide that in addition to the total increasing number of patients, individual patient needs will multiply at record levels. In Northwest Ohio, that translates to a leap from 2,739 patients in 2000 to the projected 5,478 patients in 2010.

With numbers like these, we cannot afford to delay.

PROJECTED COSTS FOR NORTHWEST OHIO



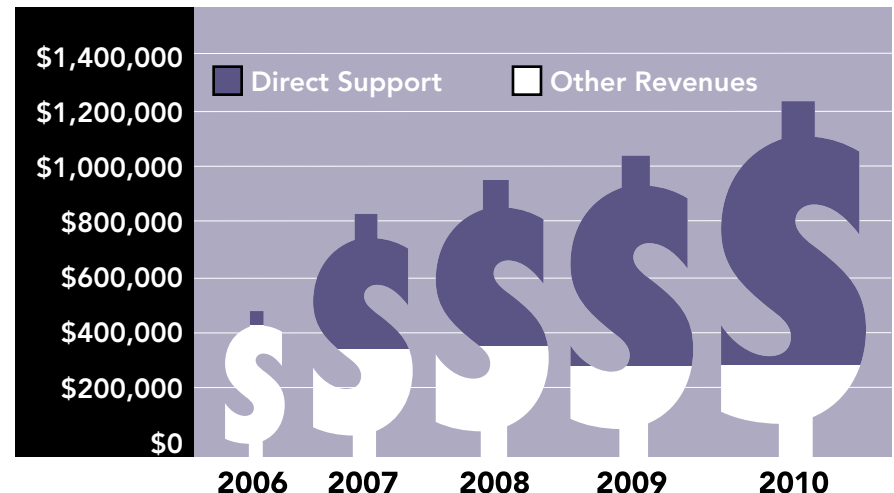
Funding the Vision

Historically, the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio's revenue has come primarily from United Way support and special fundraising events. Less than 3% of the total operating budget was funded through direct contributions. The organization has established a new business model in which the majority of support must come from direct contributions in order to meet the enormous needs of this growing problem. We would like YOU to consider becoming part of this team of supporters. At the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio, our mission is simple – empowering patients to manage kidney disease. The cost of helping our neighbors is a small investment in our community that will pay great dividends of gratitude for decades to come.

A Vision for the Future

With the future in mind, the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio is re-tooling. This is a board-mandated refocusing that requires intensified outreach to all kidney disease patients, and renewed attention on our core mission: to empower patients to manage kidney disease. To fully meet the needs of the Northwest Ohio community, the Kidney Foundation's costs will escalate from \$468,465 in 2006 to \$1,213,100 in 2010. In addition to helping the thousands of Northwest Ohioans directly affected by kidney disease, these new measures will have an economic impact on the entire community. People empowered to manage kidney disease return to work, lead productive lives, and contribute to the community. Through increased education to the community about kidney disease, earlier treatment and diagnosis will be possible. Our partnership with individuals, families, corporations, and the greater community will increase the humanistic outcomes for those affected, and improve the economic outcomes of our community partners.

DIRECT SUPPORT REQUIRED TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS



P.R.O.M.I.S.E.

Providing Resources and Opportunities to Maximize Independence through Service Endeavors

The **P.R.O.M.I.S.E.** program empowers patients to manage kidney disease while stabilizing the disease process and sustaining life. Direct services in 2005:

Transportation to Dialysis

61,620 trips were provided for 395 patients going to life sustaining dialysis.

Renal Medications

3,904 renal medications were provided to 244 patients.

Medical Supplies

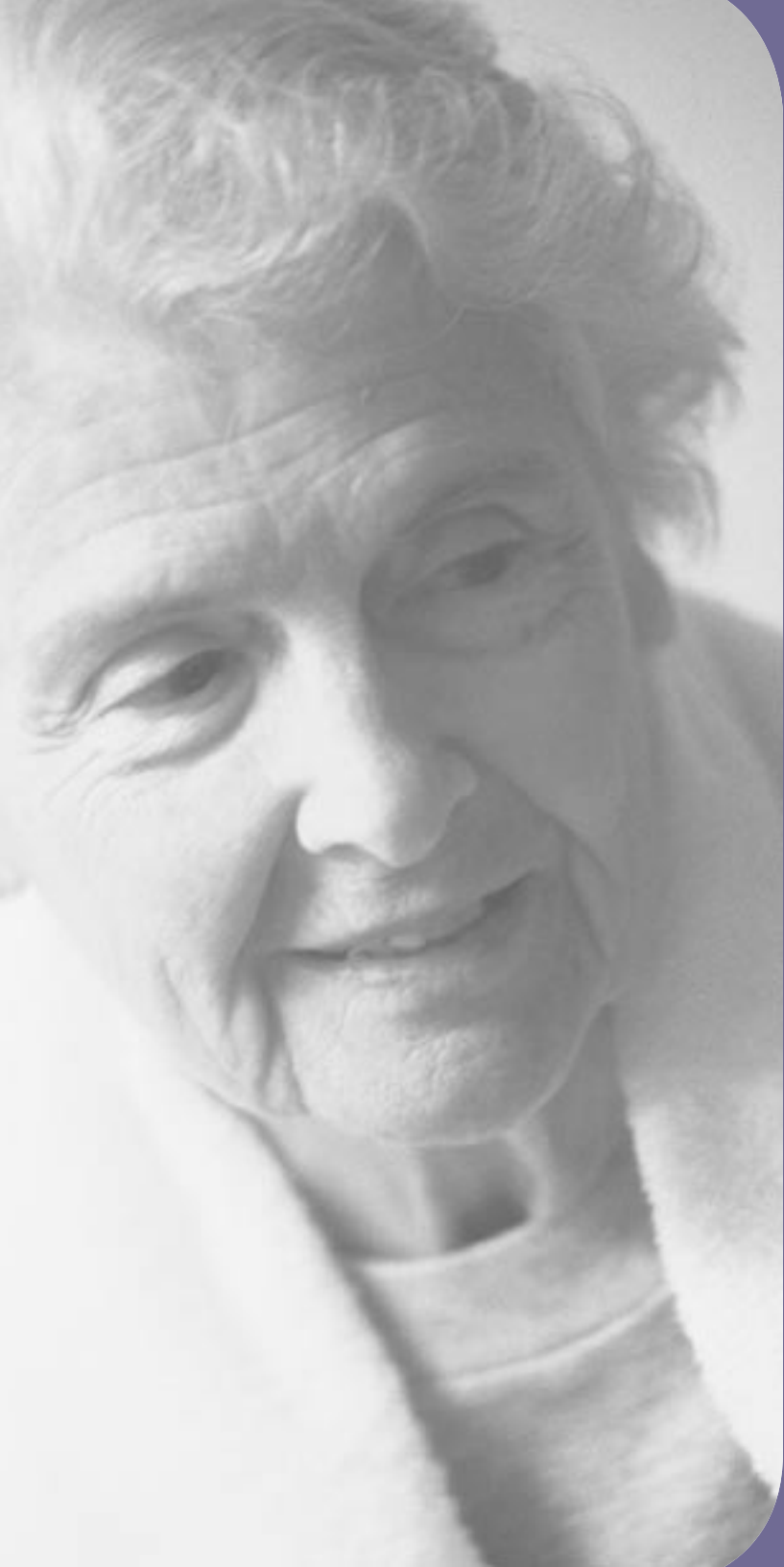
22,200 blood pressures were measured for 185 patients, who were provided with essential blood pressure monitors, allowing for proper medication dosage by measuring pressures up to 120 times per month per patient.

Nutritional Supplements

4,557 nutritional supplements were provided for 49 patients.

“ I feel if there were no Kidney Foundation to help me I would have missed a lot of dialysis treatments and would not have taken a lot of needed medications. I thank God for such an organization ”

Richard S., Patient since 2000



Mary, a 67 year old widow was diagnosed with diabetic nephropathy and experienced kidney failure in June 1989. She received a kidney transplant in April 1996, but that kidney failed soon after her double leg amputation in 2000. Mary was declared legally blind in 2000, and her son John was transporting her to and from dialysis.

Unfortunately, on May 7, 2005, Mary's 38-year old son John died suddenly of a heart attack. She essentially gave up her will to live because she no longer had reliable transportation to dialysis.

A social worker contacted the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio and we were able to help by providing not only transportation, but also medications not covered by Medicaid, and emotional support services.



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Williams
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Wyandot

“Kidney Foundation support is so important. It really makes a difference and it gives me the strength to go on.”

Janet L., Patient since 2003



SIX WARNING SIGNS OF KIDNEY DISEASE

- Burning or difficulty during urination, often a sign of kidney or bladder infection.
- Increased frequency or change in the pattern of urination, particularly at night.
- Puffiness around the eyes, swelling of hands and feet, especially in children.
- Bloody or tea-colored urine.
- Flank and/or back pain just below the ribs, not aggravated by movement.
- High blood pressure.

Many kidney diseases can be successfully treated if diagnosed early.

See your doctor immediately if you have one or more of these warning signs.



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