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Mesolini Glass Studio's Unique and Beautiful Gift to NKC It's one they can share with you, as well.

Diane Bonciolini's desire to help people with kidney disease is shaped by two experiences. At age 10, Diane was diagnosed with Bright's disease, which affected her kidneys. She remembers her mother being "scared to death," as there was no major treatment available at that time.

Fast forward to when her own son was in middle school and wanted to write an article about the respected Dr. Belding Scribner, whose dialysis research in the 1960s led to the creation of the Northwest Kidney Centers. Her son contacted NKC and together they visited Haviland Kidney Center, making each much more aware of the prevalence of chronic kidney disease.

Diane has combined her artistic skills with her desire to help people with kidney problems in a unique way. She and Gregg Mesmer, of the Mesolini Glass Studio on Bainbridge Island (www.mesolini.com), have a kidney-shaped glass dish in their line of functional dishware. Each time someone purchases a kidney dish, Mesolini Glass Studio makes a donation to help Northwest Kidney Centers' patients. They are hoping you will be inspired too, not only by the beautiful glass dish, but also by this unusual opportunity to make a donation to NKC.

Single kidney-shaped glass dishes are \$12, with \$1 benefiting NKC. Bundles of 3 kidneys are \$36, with \$4 donated to NKC. Sales tax and shipping are additional. Orders can be placed by e-mail at mesoliniglass@earthlink.net with Northwest Kidney Centers in the subject line, or by calling 206-842-7133.

Many thanks to Diane and Gregg for six years of supporting NKC!

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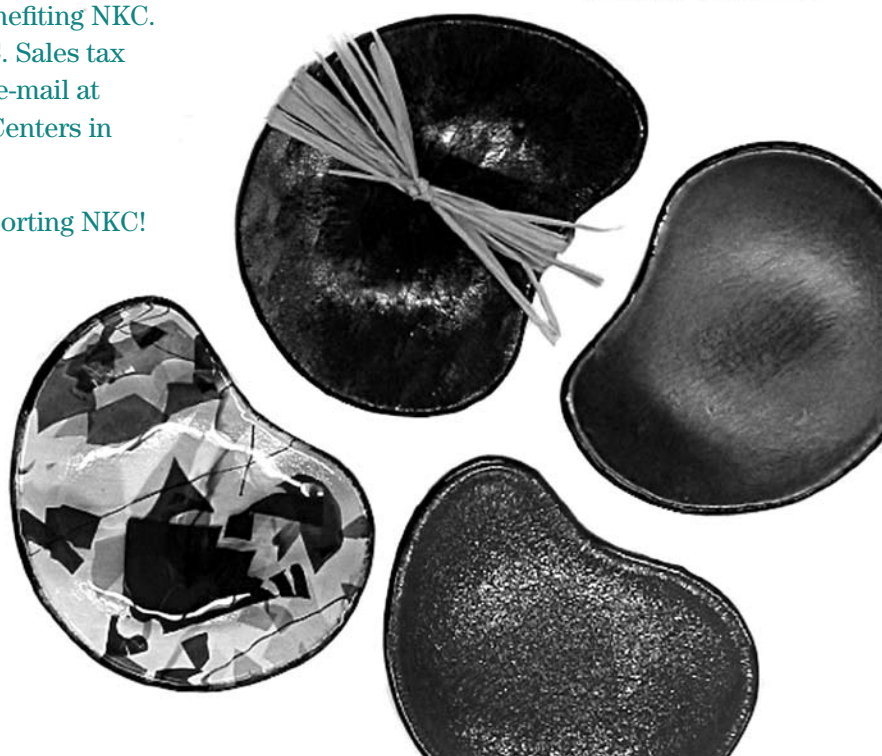
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beloved friend and colleague

Pioneer Kidney Researcher Dr. Joseph Eschbach dies at 74

By Joyce F. Jackson, NKC President & CEO



Our beloved friend and colleague, Dr. Joseph Eschbach, passed away on September 7 at home with his family by his side. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in May. We are all deeply saddened, and will miss him so very much.

Dr. Eschbach was a nephrologist, a clinical leader, and researcher who spent his 45-year career at

the University of Washington, Minor and James Medical Clinic, and NKC. Through his exemplary clinical care, home dialysis program leadership, scholarly activity, groundbreaking research in anemia management, and leadership of NKC as Trustee and Senior Research Advisor, Dr. Eschbach changed the face of kidney care at the Northwest Kidney Centers, in the region, and indeed throughout the world.

He changed many of us personally, as well. His sharp mind, astute clinical skills, caring demeanor, kindness and love for his patients, and devotion to his profession and to NKC was evident to all of us.

In the 1970s, Dr. Eschbach and former University of Washington faculty member Dr. John Adamson sought to understand the physiology of treatment of severe anemia in advanced kidney disease. They showed that in an animal model of dialysis-dependent kidney disease, replacement of erythropoietin would stimulate red cell production and, in fact, correct the anemia associated with the disease.

In the mid-1980s, Dr. Eschbach led successful clinical trials to correct anemia in kidney dialysis patients – research that played a pivotal role in Amgen's development of the drug Epogen®. Dr. Eschbach treated patients with Epogen at Northwest Kidney Centers in the world's first clinical trials of the drug. Today, millions of people worldwide receive Epogen treatments as a form of hormone replacement therapy to treat anemia.

Dr. Eschbach served as NKC's Senior Research Advisor for many years. In August 2007, Dr. Eschbach said, "I am particularly pleased that NKC and the UW have put emphasis on kidney research, since the future well-being of our patients depends on research applied to their needs."

A plaque with Dr. Eschbach's photo was permanently placed in Haviland Kidney Center outside of the Turner Conference Center in his honor.

NKC at work

From June through September 2007, NKC staff and volunteers worked together and:

- **Provided** 55,505 in-center dialysis treatments.
- **Provided** 3,272 dialysis treatments in 10 local hospitals.
- **Supported** 184 home dialysis patients.
- **Helped** 22 dialysis patients receive kidney transplants.
- **Educated** 216 people facing kidney failure in NKC's LivingWell classes.
- **Participated** in 14 community events or health fairs, reaching 18,345 individuals.
- **Contributed** to 23 media stories that included the Northwest Kidney Centers.
- **Awarded** rehabilitation scholarships totaling \$18,000 to 6 NKC dialysis and kidney transplant patients.
- **Gave** 58 emergency financial grants, totaling \$7,095, to help financially vulnerable patients with food, rent, and utilities.

together

Support NKC

through your Workplace Fund Drive

Fall is the time of year when many workplaces hold charitable fund drives. As you think about your personal giving this fall, please consider donating to NKC.

Donating through your workplace fund drive allows you to make donations through payroll deduction, which is an easy way to support NKC all throughout the year.

Donations can be designated to NKC through any United Way campaign. Write "Northwest Kidney Centers" in the section for donations to specific agencies.

In addition, NKC participates in the following fund drives:

- Combined Federal Campaign of King County (CFC # 62742)
- Combined Federal Campaign of Kitsap & Mason Counties (CFC # 62742)
- Combined Federal Campaign of North Puget Sound (CFC # 62742)
- Combined Federal Campaign of the Olympic Peninsula (CFC # 62742)
- Combined Federal Campaign of South Puget Sound (CFC # 62742)
- Combined Federal Campaign of Yakima-Kittitas Counties (CFC # 62742)
- King County Employee Giving Program (Agency # 9121)
- Port of Seattle Community Giving Program
- Washington State Combined Fund Drive (CFD # 316 011)

Contact your human resources office to see if your company has a fall fund drive. NKC can provide information, videos, or speakers for workplace events. Contact Kathy Savory at (206) 292-2771, ext. 5358, or kathy@nwkidney.org for assistance.



Grammy-winning artist Isaac Hayes and KING 5 TV's Robert Mak were featured speakers at the 2007 Breakfast of Hope. While speaking to the crowd of 850 at the Seattle Sheraton, they shared how kidney disease has personally affected their families and friends. The 2008 Breakfast of Hope will be held on May 22, 2008

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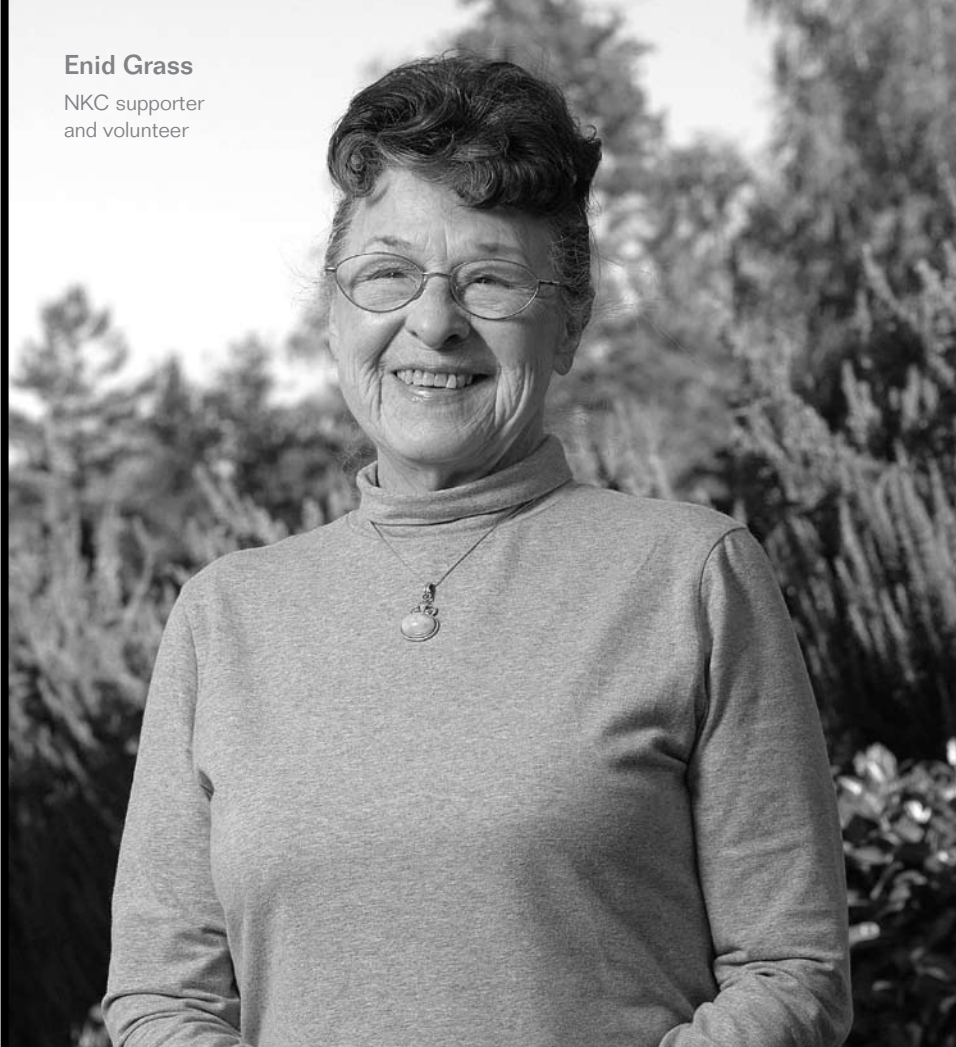
You may be able to make an income-tax-free charitable donation to Northwest Kidney Centers directly from a traditional or Roth IRA, thanks to a provision in the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

In order to qualify, you must be 70 ½ or older when making the donation. The donation must be made directly from your IRA to NKC. A qualified IRA charitable donation can fulfill all or part of the annual minimum distribution requirement.

This provision will expire on December 31, 2007! Don't let this unique opportunity pass you by. Cindy McRoberts, Northwest Kidney Centers' Major Gifts Officer, can provide more details about this law. Contact Cindy at (206) 292-2771, ext. 5353, or at mcrobertsc@nwkidney.org.

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To promote the optimal health, quality of life and independence of people with kidney disease, through patient care, education, and research.

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Wish List

There are many ways that you can help kidney patients!

The following items are needed to support patient services, events, and educational outreach. Please contact Kathy Savory, Annual Fund Coordinator, at (206) 292-2771, ext. 5358, or kathy@nwkidney.org to arrange a donation.

- New sweatpants and sweatshirts – all sizes
- Portable DVD players
- Metro bus tickets
- Grocery store gift cards
- First class stamps
- Restaurant gift certificates



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