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**Clint Randolph of Bellevue to receive
Northwest Kidney Centers' highest honor**

Clyde Shields Distinguished Service award
named for first long-term dialysis patient

Seattle, WA (June 27, 2013)—[Northwest Kidney Centers](#) is pleased to present the 2013 [Clyde Shields Distinguished Service Award](#) to Clint Randolph of Bellevue.

Northwest Kidney Centers presents the award – its highest recognition – to people who make significant contributions to the welfare of kidney patients through advocacy, clinical care or research.

Randolph was selected because of longstanding service on the nonprofit's board of trustees and its Foundation Board, which supervises fundraising. The retired Boeing executive provided volunteer leadership for challenging assignments: helping to found Northwest Kidney Centers' formal regulatory compliance program in 2000; serving as Foundation Board chair while Northwest Kidney Centers Foundation was legally integrated into the dialysis-providing organization; and co-chairing the organization's first capital campaign, which raised \$1.7 million to create a comprehensive kidney resource center at 700 Broadway in Seattle.

"Clint graces us with wisdom, contemplation, integrity, and dedication to vulnerable patients, especially the sickest ones who need special care," said Joyce F. Jackson, Northwest Kidney Centers president and CEO. "Northwest Kidney Centers is unique in the country for the depth of community involvement in our nonprofit's governance. Clint's contributions are a shining example of that valuable commitment."

The award is named for machinist Clyde Shields, who in March 1960 became the first person in the world to receive dialysis on an ongoing basis. Mr. Shields received the first Scribner shunt, a breakthrough dialysis delivery method developed in Seattle. Although Mr. Shields' kidneys had failed – a death sentence before the innovation – the shunt and regular dialysis helped him survive another 11 years. His courage as a research subject made possible great advances in kidney treatment.

About the Clyde Shields Distinguished Service Award: Northwest Kidney Centers bestows the Clyde Shields Distinguished Service Award on a living individual who has contributed significantly to the welfare of kidney patients through advocacy, clinical care or research. Factors considered are length of service, number of people impacted, awards or citations, humility and perseverance. Past awardees include patients, volunteers, staff members, scientists and supporters.

About Northwest Kidney Centers: Northwest Kidney Centers keeps people alive with dialysis care, educates the public about kidney health, and collaborates with UW Medicine in the Kidney Research Institute. It is one of very few community-based, nonprofit dialysis providers in the country. It provides treatment in 15 dialysis centers in King and Clallam counties, as well as 11 area hospitals and the homes of 246 patients who do self-dialysis. Founded in 1962, it was the first out-of-hospital dialysis program in the world. Its mission remains critical today. In the United States, 1 in 7 adults now has kidney disease, up 30 percent in the last decade. Learn more at www.nwkidney.org.

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