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Local Health Care Executive Wins Prestigious Award

SEATTLE – February 25, 2015 – Joyce F. Jackson has received Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women’s prestigious Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award in honor of her professional achievements. Joyce is a frequent spokesman and author about matters of kidney health and disease, and is nationally recognized as an outstanding leader in her field.

The Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award is presented annually to distinguished alumnae of Pi Beta Phi who exhibit excellence and outstanding leadership in their career or volunteer service to their communities. The award is named for past Pi Beta Phi President Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg, who was instrumental in forming Pi Beta Phi Foundation during her term from 1985 to 1991. Crucial Fraternity initiatives, like leadership development programs and academic scholarships, are supported through the stewardship of the Foundation.

Joyce has served as president and CEO of Northwest Kidney Centers since 1998. Northwest Kidney Centers is a regional, not-for-profit, locally run provider of kidney dialysis, public health education and research into the causes and treatments of chronic kidney disease. Joyce’s vision has guided the organization to be a model in the field, providing nearly 250,000 dialysis treatments last year for 1,544 patients.

“I am most proud of the outstanding care we provide at Northwest Kidney Services,” Joyce said. “Our team of 600 staff members has adapted to grow rapidly, diversify services, provide community education and conduct research as a community benefit. I think the greater Seattle area is well served and I’m honored to be at the helm of this terrific organization.”

Additionally, Joyce serves on the boards of four national coalitions that advocate for federal policies benefiting kidney patients and their families: Kidney Care Council, Kidney Care Partners, Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance and Alliance for Home Dialysis. She also serves on the board of the National Renal Administrators Association, which represents the voice of independent and community-based dialysis providers.

In 2009, Joyce was the recipient of the Washington State Board of Health's Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Healthcare, honoring providers and facilities that exhibit exceptional quality and value in the delivery of health services. In 2014, Seattle Business Magazine named Joyce Outstanding Health Care Executive of the Year.

A 34-year resident of Seattle, Joyce has also served on the boards of Horizon House, a continuing care retirement community, Northwest Boychoir, Seattle Children's Home and University Congregational United Church of Christ.

Joyce holds a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology from Pennsylvania State University, a master's degree in audiology from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in health administration from the University of Washington.

About Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women: Founded in 1867 at Monmouth College in Illinois, Pi Beta Phi has installed 200 collegiate chapters and nearly 300 alumnae organizations worldwide. Pi Beta Phi promotes friendship, develops women of intellect and integrity, cultivates leadership potential and enriches the lives of members and their communities. The Fraternity believes in the power of reading and through its philanthropy, Read > Lead > Achieve, promotes a lifelong love of reading that can unlock true potential. For more information, visit www.pibetaphi.org or follow Pi Phi on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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