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2020 Report to the Community
PLANS INSPIRE US

FAR IN OUR PATIENTS

CAUSES OF KIDNEY
FAILURE IN OUR PATIENTS

DIABETES 45%
HYPERTENSION 15%
PRIMARY GLOMERULONEPHRITIS 7% ALL OTHERS 33%

PATIENTS’ AGES

AGE: AVERAGE PATIENT 18-40

60-70 21%
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OVER 80 6%

PATIENT-REPORTED RACES

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BLACK 12%
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BY THE NUMBERS

Northwest Kidney Centers is the provider of choice for nearly 4 out of 5 people who need dialysis in our area. In an industry dominated by for-profit corporations, we are one of the largest not-for-profit kidney care providers.

19 Total clinics
2 Clinics opened in FY 2020
8 Hospitals served
284,511 Dialysis treatments, 2.5% growth over previous year
1,833 Patients
86 Kidney transplants, 60% higher than the nation*

16.5% On the transplant wait list
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Chuck Brown of West Seattle used hernia pain at home to keep him going between kidney transplants. His first transplant served him for 34 years, and he received another one this year. In between he did dialysis with help from his wife, Tessie. “It made us closer,” said the 64-year-old route that kept him ready for a transplant — along with volunteer work, hobbies and time with grandkids.

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YOUR GIFTS TOTAL $138 MILLION

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used to renovate our Bellevue kidney resource center.

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