RENAL SUPPORT NETWORK

A Source of Community, Learning and Hope for People who have Chronic Kidney Disease

Renal Support Network's (RSN) hopeful and life-enriching programs help people and their families dealing with kidney disease, whether in the early stages, on dialysis, or with a transplant. RSN is the leader in engaging people who have kidney disease with the most prolific library of patient experiences and a vast reach.



Connect with Someone Who has Been There

You are never alone with this illness. Connecting with people who have already gone down this path is crucial to survivorship. RSN helps you make these connections with activities from essay and art contests to multiple types of support groups. Our annual Kidney Teen Prom helps young people know they are not alone. One friend can make a difference!



Navigate Kidney Care

Our programs and educational resources give people hope and equip them to be proactive in their care. We present real life examples showing how you can advocate for yourself through our KidneyTalk® podcast and magazine. Our Hope Week virtual educational meeting is the first of its kind, a five-day program with each day focusing on an aspect of kidney disease. We have unique, fun, and hopeful educational material from animations to the "Share Your Spare" discussion kit



Advocate for Innovation, Access to Treatments and Quality Care

We are committed to advocacy and education for the benefit of people living with kidney disease. We provide the patient's perspective on legislative and regulatory issues that impact our care. We speak up for positive patient outcomes via innovative treatments, kidney health research, dialysis treatments, kidney transplantation and organ donation. Access to quality care is vital to living the life we were meant to live.

Lori Hartwell's mission is to help people living with kidney disease. Hartwell suffered kidney failure at the age of two, survived 50+ surgeries and 13 years of dialysis, and is now living with her fourth kidney transplant. Hartwell founded Renal Support Network in 1993 to help her peers have hope and navigate this illness; she serves as President to this day.

In photos at right; Lori Hartwell, RSN Founder and President at age two, at age 13 with her dog Pepi, receiving the 2013 American Society of Nephrology President's Medal, and at the 19th annual Kidney Teen Prom with Jack Black and Nick Jonas.

