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Raising Kidney Disease Awareness on Long Island

New York, Hempstead - According to studies, over 26 million of Americans, including children, suffer from kidney disease. Over 340,000 Americans are on dialysis and nearly 75,000 are on the waiting list for a kidney transplant.

To bring attention to these discouraging statistics, The National Kidney Foundation organized **Kidney Walk 2009** that will take place at 10:30am on Sunday, May 31st at Hofstra University. NFK is a major non-profit healthcare organization, dedicated to the prevention of kidney and urinary tract disease.

The goal of this event is to raise funds for kidney patients and their loved ones and improve the well-being of individuals who have been affected by this condition. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of kidney disease and educate people about the significance of early detection.

"Kidney walk is an inspiring and life-saving event," says Dr. Simon Prince MD., a Manhasset physician specializing in Nephrology and Hypertension, who will be one of the participants. "Evidence suggests that Chronic Kidney disease is on the rise. It is difficult to detect the symptoms, and they may not appear until kidney failure occurs. Therefore, many individuals do not take all the necessary steps to protect their health. On May 31st hundreds of participants will call attention to the prevention of kidney disorder and the need for organ donation."

The National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Walk is a celebration of Life and an expression of support for the Foundations' mission. More than eighty percent of every dollar raised for the NFK will go to support many vital programs and services for kidney patients and their families, as well as professional training and research.

"We are confident that this event will make a difference and bring patients, families, donors and businesses communities together," adds Dr. Simon Prince.

About Dr. Prince:

Dr. Simon Prince is a founder of North Shore Nephrology P.C.- a fast-growing practice in Manhasset NY, consisting of five board-certified nephrology physicians. In addition, he is a published author and an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at NYU School of Medicine.

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