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Dear Friends,

I have both the privilege and honor to serve as this year's Honorary Chairperson for "ENCORE" presented by the Morton Civic Chorus on behalf of the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund. I have personally been involved with this charity for the last 18 years performing in the chorus. We are delighted to be celebrating with our director, Denise Adams, her 35th year serving this charity and dialysis patients throughout Central Illinois.

I'm sure most of us know of family, friends, or co-workers who have been affected by chronic kidney disease. The devastating costs of fighting this disease are never totally covered by insurance. The purpose of CIMKF is to assist kidney disease patients both with services and finances.

The Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund (CIMKF) is a 501(c)(3) charity whose ongoing mission is to collect and distribute funds to chronic kidney disease patients. CIMKF pays for food, transportation, medicine, and emergency living expenses for patients who are waiting for other assistance to start or for whom all other avenues of support have been exhausted. Funds are distributed by a volunteer board affecting the lives of over 150 households within a 100-mile radius of Peoria.

This is the 43rd year the Morton Civic Chorus has donated virtually every dollar raised from their benefit concert to CIMKF. The chorus serves as the primary source of funding with its six shows. Denise Adams offers a wide variety of musical selections and as anyone who has attended "ENCORE" knows, it is "Some Enchanted Evening"! This year's show is May 21-26, 2019 at the Hartmann Center Theater on the campus of Bradley University. Ticket information is available online at CIMKF.org or like us on Facebook.

I am asking you to participate with me in making a donation to this year's CIMKF campaign and to attend one of the chorus' performances. Your gift is 100% tax deductible and acknowledged in the chorus' show program. Most importantly, you will be providing much needed financial assistance to people suffering from a very debilitating disease.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Barnwell