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It truly is an honor to serve as this year's Honorary Chairperson for "ENCORE 2023" presented by the Morton Civic Chorus on behalf of the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund. Almost every one of us has a friend or family member with some stage of chronic kidney disease. I, like most, have experienced the effects of losing a friend to kidney disease and have two friends with ongoing ailments related to this devastating illness. It is bad enough to have the disease but then to have to burden the cost of fighting the disease as well.

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 kidney patients in eleven Central Illinois Counties.

This is the 47th year that the Morton Civic Chorus has donated virtually every dollar raised from their benefit concert to CIMKF. Under the direction of Denise Adams, the chorus offers a wide variety of musical selections and as anyone who has attended "ENCORE" knows, it is a "Grand Night for Singing". This year's show will be at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center, May 25-27 at 7:30 p.m. and May 28 at 2 p.m. I recall seeing the Morton Civic Chorus perform on the stage in the Morton High School gymnasium and am pleased that the chorus has returned to its roots.

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. As someone who has served the Morton Community for many years, I am pleased that this Morton based charity remains strong helping those in need.

Sincerely,

Norman Durflinger