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Dear Friends,

I can't begin to express what an honor it is to serve as the 2024 Honorary Chairman for "ENCORE". This is an amazing musical production presented by the Morton Civic Chorus on behalf of the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund (CIMKF). I am humbled and energized by the number of volunteers and the number of hours it takes to organize, prepare, and coordinate this remarkable production.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with what CIMKF is really about, it is a local charity formed by Dr. Robert Pflederer and the Morton Women's Club in 1976. This 501(c)(3) charity provides funds to those with chronic kidney disease when all other avenues of assistance have been exhausted to cover costs such as transportation, groceries, or medications. When no other help is available, CIMKF is there to provide these emergency living expenses.

This is the 48th year that the Morton Civic Chorus has donated virtually every dollar raised from their benefit concert to CIMKF. Under the direction of Denise Adams, you will hear selections from "Les Miserables", "Music Man", "Irving Berlin", and "Anything Goes" just to name a few. This year's show is May 23-25 at 7 p.m. and May 26 at 2 p.m. at the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center.

I know it is difficult to help all causes all the time, but please consider expanding your contribution this year to include the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund (CIMKF). I am proud to live, work and involve myself in the Morton Community. "Thank you" for considering making a donation to this life-enriching cause to improve the lives of others.

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