

## National Kidney Foundation®

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## National Kidney Foundation Statement on Carolina Value Village and National Kidney Services November 13, 2018

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The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) has been made aware of a situation involving an employee of Carolina Value Village, an Affiliate of National Kidney Services, which is a third-party contractor with whom we have an agreement to collect and resell donated goods with a significant portion of the proceeds benefitting NKF. In 2017, NKF received \$269,212 from National Kidney Services.

National Kidney Services is not part of the National Kidney Foundation; rather it is an independent, unrelated nonprofit with which NKF has a contract linked to the collection and resale of donated goods. National Kidney Foundation has no oversight authority over National Kidney Services operations. The National Kidney Foundation has no relationship or contract with Carolina Value Village, an Affiliate of National Kidney Services.

NKF is requesting that National Kidney Services contact their Affiliate, Carolina Value Village, to remove the employee in question from our account. Any additional queries regarding the employee in question should be directed to Carolina Value Village.

## Kidney Disease Facts

In the United States 30 million adults are estimated to have <u>chronic kidney disease</u>—and most aren't aware of it. 1 in 3 American adults are at risk for chronic kidney disease. Risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity and family history. People of African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander descent are at increased risk for developing the disease. African Americans are 3 times more likely than Whites, and Hispanics are nearly 1.5 times more likely than non-Hispanics to develop end stage renal disease (kidney failure).

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is the largest, most comprehensive and longstanding organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease. For more information about NKF visit www.kidney.org. #####