

Cruise-In for CIMKF

On Sunday, August 27th from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. will be the Cruise-In for Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund (CIMKF). The show will be an all inclusive (any vehicle) cruise-in held at the Fresenius Kidney Care Pekin Parking Lot (located at East Village Court - 3500 Court Street, Pekin).

Included in the Cruise-In will be opportunities to win Awesome Themed Gift Baskets donated by area staff and friends of the show; delicious food available to purchase from a local vendor; barrel train rides for kids; and music by local DJ. Also being held during the Cruise-In will be an Open House for Fresenius Kidney Care Pekin.

Local resident Larry "Alan" Keim came up with the idea for the Cruise-In after suffering from Kidney Disease himself and wanting to help those who have helped him so much.

Kidneys clean waste and extra fluid from your blood. More than 10% of Americans have chronic kidney disease with varying levels of severity. This means they have permanent kidney disease. When the disease is bad enough that kidneys stop working, either dialysis, where a machine cleans the blood, or a kidney transplant is needed in order to live. Normally dialysis takes about 4 hours, 3 times per week. Most people on dialysis don't have enough time left in the week to work full time. As a result, some people must choose between food and medicine.

The Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund (CIMKF) was formed in 1976 by Dr. Robert Pflederer to serve chronic kidney disease patients receiving dialysis. Funds raised are distributed to chronic kidney disease patients when all other avenues of assistance have been exhausted. The patients work through social workers to request assistance to cover costs such as transportation, groceries, or medication. Where no other help is available, CIMKF also helps provide emergency living expenses. Visit www.cimkf.org for information about Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund.

Be sure to come out and support the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund on Sunday, August 27th from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. at the Fresenius Kidney Care Pekin Parking Lot.

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