



In 2006, the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI) launched the nation's first KidneyMobile®, a custom motor coach offering free mobile education and screening services to Illinois communities. Since then, the NKFI has screened more than 15,000 individuals all across the state of Illinois. Our mission: to identify diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney disease and if the individual does not have primary care, the NKFI offer physician referrals in their community.

**On average, more than 73% of participants test in an abnormal range for one or more tests. Nearly 30% of participants need an immediate referral.**

Statistics show that one in nine American adults has chronic kidney disease (CKD) and most are not even aware of it. The KidneyMobile®'s message of prevention and education are key to making a difference. At each screening, staff and qualified volunteers conduct blood pressure, body mass index, urinalysis and glucose screenings and give immediate results to the participants. Participants receive a consultation with our nurse practitioner and those at risk for CKD receive additional information and a follow-up phone call to ensure they have visited a physician and understand their treatment plan.

In addition to addressing a real public health need, NKFI views the unique KidneyMobile® as a "vehicle" to legislators for engaging their support for kidney disease and prevention awareness. Some of the elected officials that have attended area screenings include Senator Richard Durbin, Congressman Mark Kirk, Secretary of State Jesse White, Congressmen Jesse Jackson, Jr. and Danny Davis, State Senators Donne Trotter and Don Harmon and State Representative Will Davis.

If you have questions about CKD, diabetes or high blood pressure, or for more information about the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, please contact us at 312-321-1500 or via email to [kidney@nkfi.org](mailto:kidney@nkfi.org). Please visit our website at [www.nkfi.org](http://www.nkfi.org) or [www.kidneymobile.org](http://www.kidneymobile.org), where you'll find the most comprehensive online resource guide on chronic kidney disease and more information about other important programs and special events! To request the KidneyMobile®, download a request form from [www.kidneymobile.org](http://www.kidneymobile.org) and fax it to (312) 321-1505.