

dpc hero ■ *nl.*: The DPC Hero is a person who gives something of themselves to help others, and in doing so, makes a difference in someone's life. A DPC Hero is **empowered** and looks to **empower** those around them. A DPC Hero can be a patient, a family member, a caregiver, or someone from the community.



THERE IS A HERO IN ALL OF US

As a kidney dialysis patient for the past five years, Melvin Grayer is committed to educating Americans about the importance of kidney health. Melvin is an active participant in grassroots advocacy on behalf of the kidney disease community. During National Kidney Month in March, Melvin set up a booth at his local shopping mall and handed out leaflets, brochures and candy to educate people about the signs and causes of kidney disease. In addition, he has traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with policymakers, and has also invited local Congressional members to visit his dialysis facility.

Heroes are all around us. Thanks, Melvin, for making quality kidney care possible.

IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH EMPOWERMENT

The DPC Hero Program has been created to spotlight individuals who have gone above and beyond to positively impact kidney care in their communities. If you are interested in nominating a DPC Hero, please contact Tonya Salstrom, 202-457-0417, tsalstrom@dialysispatients.org.

DaVita Patient Citizens (DPC) is a nonprofit patient organization dedicated to improving dialysis patients' quality of life by developing awareness of dialysis issues, advocating for dialysis patients, improving the partnership between patients and caregivers, and promoting favorable public policy. For more information, visit www.dialysispatients.org.

