

dpc hero ■ *n.*: 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

Not much can hold Ed Stizza down. A 30-year diabetic who has also battled colon cancer, Ed turned a diagnosis of End Stage Renal Disease four years ago into a reason to motivate others. In addition to serving as a DaVita Patient Citizens' Patient Ambassador, Ed and his wife of 47 years, Laura, organize and host an annual Dialysis Walk in their hometown of Fountain Hills, Arizona – an event he hopes can inspire future events of its kind and build awareness of kidney disease in cities throughout the United States.

Heroes are all around us. Thank you, Ed, 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.

