

**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

As an EMT, Malaysia Scott became inspired by the kidney disease patients she met in her field and became a Patient Care Technician at a dialysis clinic in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. In 2005 when she herself was forced to go on dialysis, this commitment to patient care was not shaken. In addition to educating her fellow patients about their own dialysis care, Malaysia has set up a support group at her local clinic where patients and caregivers work together to improve their dialysis environment. An EMT, caregiver, and patient, Malaysia has recently assumed the title of DPC Patient Ambassador as she has taken her experiences and knowledge to lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

**Heroes are all around us. Thanks, Malaysia, 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](mailto:tsalstrom@dialysispatients.org).*

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