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**Delaware Kidney Failure Patient Goes Above and Beyond to Help Fellow Patients—  
Awarded National DPC Hero Award**

*Award given to local Newark patient who is an inspiration not only within her own dialysis facility but also within her community*

**Washington D.C. (November 27, 2007)** - DaVita Patient Citizens (DPC) – a nationwide patient advocacy non-profit comprised of more than 21,000 dialysis and pre-dialysis patients and family members – is proud to honor Delaware dialysis patient Nancy Scott as the November 2007 DPC Hero award recipient. The DPC Hero award is a national recognition of empowered and heroic individuals who make a difference in the lives of dialysis patients and their communities.

“On behalf of the kidney community, we are honored to recognize Nancy as a DPC Hero,” said Patricia Orna, DPC President. “This award program reflects the spirit of thousands of people involved within the community whose stories too often go untold and whose efforts make a difference in the lives of others. We are inspired by Nancy’s dedication to her own community and fellow dialysis patients who benefit from her support.”

Scott, a retired nurse and ordained minister, was diagnosed with kidney failure in 2004. Her two daughters, Barbara and Mecca, and grandson, Conrad, have been a constant source of inspiration and support giving her the energy to empower other dialysis patients at her New Castle dialysis facility, First State Fresenius Dialysis Center. Of the many activities she’s involved in, Scott leads customer service training for staffs at multiple dialysis facilities, teaching them the value of the caregiver and patient relationship. She also plays an active role in educating her fellow patients on the value of dialysis and the importance of the care facilities can provide. She has established a support group to encourage better communication between the clinic staff and patients, as well as within the community. In addition, Scott has traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with lawmakers to discuss issues relating to kidney disease—including the importance of education provisions— and also serves on the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network 4 Advisory Board.

More than 20 million people are at risk for Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). According to the National Kidney Foundation, 1 in 9 Americans suffer from CKD, commonly the result of hypertension or diabetes, which left untreated can progress to kidney failure – or End Stage Renal Disease. More than 400,000 Americans with ESRD must rely on quality dialysis services, or receive a transplant, to live.

“I am very committed to educating Americans about the importance of kidney health,” said Scott. “It is exciting to be part of a group like DPC where there are thousands of people just like you – people hoping to make a difference in the lives of millions who may not even know they have chronic kidney disease. It is important that we educate all friends and neighbors as well as Members of Congress on the importance of education and awareness.”

Kidneys perform multiple essential functions. When the kidneys fail to function adequately, a replacement therapy must be chosen to sustain life. With appropriate intervention, patients with complete failure of their kidneys can live full, productive lives.

The DPC Hero program has been created to spotlight individuals who have gone above and beyond to positively impact kidney care in their community. The DPC Hero Award is open to caregivers, nephrologists, family members, patients, and other members of the kidney community who have empowered themselves or others in the kidney community.

Previous winners of the award include: Ed Stizza of Arizona, Malaysia Scott of Alabama, Melvin Grayer of Nebraska and Mickey Sherman of Oklahoma.

Nominations for the DPC Hero award can be sent to [dpc@dialysispatients.org](mailto:dpc@dialysispatients.org) or contact 1-866-877-4242.

Additional information on DaVita Patient Citizens can be found at [www.dialysispatients.org](http://www.dialysispatients.org).