

### ***Kidney Donors to Be Recognized for Live-Saving Act***

**LITTLE ROCK** – Ten people, including two people from outside of Arkansas, will be presented with a Chain of Life Award by the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission during a ceremony on March 9 at 2 p.m. at in Little Rock.

The Chain of Life Awards began at the request of the Arkansas State Legislature following the 2011 session. The ceremony serves to recognize and show appreciation to living kidney donors for their contribution. Many of the “heroes” have donated their kidney to a person whom they had no relationship prior to the transplant.

The ten donors include the following:

- Melissa Brincks, Carroll, IA
- Rachael Green, Hope
- Donald Harris, Prescott
- Grace Kirkpatrick, Emmet
- Margie Masters, Bald Knob
- Gina Reves, Batesville
- Brian Smothers, Lowell
- Michael Stewart Jr., North Little Rock
- Brent Williams, Salesville
- Issac Woods, Racine, WI

Cynthia Baker-Smith, program director for the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission, said, “We look forward to this heartwarming ceremony each year. This is our grand opportunity to salute those who gave a life-saving donation. This shows that there are still good people in our state and across our nation.”

The Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission is a program of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, a division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education.

The ceremony will take place at Arkansas Rehabilitation Services’ Central Office at 525 W. Capitol Avenue.

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