



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris Student Organization Hosts National Kidney Foundation Fundraiser

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Included below is a press release regarding a Ferris State University student organization working together with the National Kidney Foundation and a local Big Rapids business to raise money for a worthy cause. Any questions about questions about this press release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – Thanks to the efforts of a group of Ferris State University students, people will have an opportunity to stock up some sweets and raise money to support the National Kidney Foundation at the same time.

The Ferris student organization Phi Sigma Sigma will host the fundraiser at The Old Pioneer Store and Emporium, also known as Kilwins, on Thursday, March 31 between 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Of items purchased, specifically goods that are made in the store such as fudge or caramel corn, 50 percent of the proceeds will be donated to benefit the National Kidney Foundation.

“Raising awareness and money for this cause means that more lives can be saved through organ donation,” said junior Kaitlyn Rivard, a Psychology major from Monroe Township.

Since 1971, when kidney disease was a leading cause of death among women, Phi Sigma Sigma has teamed with the NKF to seek solutions.

“Last summer, four of our sisters from our local chapter joined hundreds of sisters from across the country to volunteer and support at the National Kidney Foundation Transplant Games in Madison, Wis. last summer (July 30 through Aug. 4),” said Kelly McCann, a native of Belleville, and a sophomore Psychology major.

Phi Sigma Sigma has helped raise money through transplant games, educational literature, media presentations and summer camps for children with kidney disease.

“Support of this foundation means everything to me and to our sisters,” Rivard said. “Raising money for this foundation not only supports research in the field of organ transplantation, but also goes toward the National Kidney Foundation Transplant Games that some of us were lucky enough to volunteer at last summer.”

“Sometimes terrible things happen, but if we all make the selfless decision to donate then someone else can have the opportunity to live,” Rivard said.

Contact Kelly McCann at mccannk3@ferris.edu for more information.

The National Kidney Foundation is a volunteer and nonprofit health organization that is dedicated to the prevention of kidney and urinary tract diseases, the improvement of health and well-being of individuals and families affected by kidney disease and to increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.

To learn more about the National Kidney Foundation visit www.kidney.org.

Phi Sigma Sigma hopes to create greater awareness of the importance of organ donation about the local event.

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