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**National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Hosts
Free Kidney Screening in Ann Arbor**

Ann Arbor, Mich. – (Feb. 6, 2009) – In observance of National Kidney Month, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) is encouraging at risk individuals to come to its Ann Arbor office on 1169 Oak Valley Drive for a free kidney screening on Saturday, March 7.

The NKFM is offering free Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) screenings to individuals over 18 years old with diabetes, uncontrolled high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney disease. Experienced physicians and staff will administer the screenings and explain results. The entire process takes about an hour.

“Most people with chronic kidney disease feel well,” says Daniel Carney, president of the NKFM. “They usually have no symptoms which is why it’s important for people at risk to have their kidney function tested.”

One in eight Michigan adults has chronic kidney disease and most of them don’t even know it. The good news is that early detection can prevent or delay the progression of kidney disease. In fact, more than 70 percent of cases caused by high blood pressure or diabetes could have been prevented or delayed with proper treatment and lifestyle changes.

You can make an appointment to get screened on March 7 by calling the NKFM at 800-482-1455. Call or visit www.nkfm.org for additional information.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it.

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