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MEI Launches Effort to Help Kids and Families Affected by Kidney Disease

Madison, Wisconsin— During National Kidney Month, the non-profit public charity Medical Education Institute has launched a national effort to raise money to help children and families affected by kidney disease. [HOPE4Kids with KIDney Disease](#) aims to build kidney disease education and support tools that are specialized for kids and families with chronic kidney disease (CKD).

CKD affects kids of all ages: in 2015, 1,375 kids and teens developed kidney failure. However, as the numbers are small, few resources focus on the unique challenges faced by kids, including diet, self-image, growth problems, hospital stays, and difficulty with school and activities. Dialysis may be necessary to treat kidney failure if a kidney transplant is not immediately available or possible.

Donations to [HOPE4Kids with KIDney Disease](#) are being collected through YouCaring.com, a crowdfunding platform for non-profit organizations.

“Kidney disease and kidney failure make life difficult for anyone, and can be extra hard for children, teens, and their families,” said MEI Executive Director, Doris Schatell, MS. *“We will help them see there is hope, and you can have a good life. MEI can create tools and information that will teach how to take an active role in managing kidney disease so they can live life to its fullest.”*

About MEI: Founded in 1993, MEI is a national 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to *helping people with chronic diseases learn to manage and improve their health*. At MEI, we focus on CKD, and fulfill our mission by developing evidence-based education to empower patients, families, and health professionals; advocating for patient-centered policies; and doing research. MEI is funded through corporate sponsorships, fee-for-service contracts, product sales, and donations. Make a tax-deductible contribution through MEI's website:

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