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**LifeCenter Northwest welcomes Joyce Jackson to Governing Board**

*From left to right: LifeCenter Northwest board chair, Jim Young; Northwest Kidney Centers CEO, Joyce Jackson; and LifeCenter President & CEO, Kevin O'Connor*

BELLEVUE-July 19, 2017-LifeCenter Northwest is proud to announce the addition of Joyce F. Jackson, President and CEO of Northwest Kidney Centers, as the newest member of their Governing Board.

Jackson brings her extensive knowledge of kidney disease research and treatment, dialysis, and transplantation to the LifeCenter board. Northwest Kidney Centers is known for its high quality services and deep community connections; it was the world's first dialysis organization and today is the nation's 8<sup>th</sup> largest dialysis provider. Joyce has led the organization since 1998 and her vision has guided the organization to be a model in the industry. Northwest Kidney Centers serves roughly 1,700 patients throughout King and Clallum counties.

"Joyce's passion for helping people with kidney disease shines through in everything she does, and perfectly complements the mission of LifeCenter Northwest," says Kevin O'Connor, President and CEO of LifeCenter Northwest. "Northwest Kidney Centers and LifeCenter Northwest share the common goal of improving the lives of people with end-stage organ disease, and we look forward to partnering with Joyce and Northwest Kidney Centers to help more people than ever before."

Currently, there are nearly 118,000 people on the transplant waiting list and 84 percent of those are in need of a kidney transplant. In Washington state, there are around 1,700 people waiting for a kidney transplant. Dialysis can provide a bridge to transplant for patients suffering from chronic kidney disease. Northwest Kidney Centers provides health resources and information for its patients, including education about transplantation.

"I am honored to join the board of LifeCenter Northwest. Transplantation is the best option for many people with kidney failure, and one quarter of our dialysis patients would prefer to have a kidney transplant—but we lack the organs," says Joyce Jackson. "I am passionate about the need to increase awareness and to foster transplantation through the work of LifeCenter Northwest."

**LifeCenter Northwest** is the federally designated, non-profit, organ procurement organization (OPO) serving Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington-the largest geographic donation service area in

United States-as well as an American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) accredited tissue recovery organization. Together with more than 200 hospitals throughout the region, LifeCenter Northwest saves lives through organ and tissue donation. For more information, or to register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, please visit [www.lcnw.org](http://www.lcnw.org).

**Northwest Kidney Centers** is a regional, not-for-profit, community-based provider of kidney dialysis, public health education, and research into the causes and treatments of chronic kidney disease. Founded in Seattle in 1962, it was the world's first dialysis organization. It remains the provider of choice because of its high-quality services, community connections and generous donor support. Learn more at [www.nwkidney.org](http://www.nwkidney.org).