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Dear Members and Friends,

As IPNA's president, my motivation is to do everything possible to ensure that all children worldwide receive optimal care for kidney disease. Whereas proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment are key, we know that both are still unavailable in many parts of the globe. While IPNA is proud to publish our monthly journal, *Pediatric Nephrology*, it's also important to note that IPNA's training and education programs are making a significant impact on the care of children. We must strengthen these programs to better support nephrologists, who can then teach and train their colleagues in the countries where children with kidney disease need us most.

The goal for IPNA is to "have a pediatric nephrologist providing service in all communities in need." We recently held our annual meeting and heard updates from our esteemed committees. I can assure you that IPNA is doing exceptional work, yet the need for IPNA and its programs is still enormous. Today, I want to share with you some of IPNA's achievements in the past year. With your help, IPNA has

- Trained 25 IPNA Fellows from Asia, Africa and South America to help address an unmet clinical need.
- Supported 30 IPNA Teaching Courses in mostly poor countries.
- Collaborated through the *Saving Young Lives* program to save the lives of 170 children, living in low resource areas in Africa.
- Formed partnerships and organized IPNA Junior Master Classes in three regions of the world
- Launched its first site mentorship through the IPNA Sister Centre Program.
- Organized educational meetings to widely disseminate knowledge pertaining to pediatric kidney care.
- Continued to publish *Pediatric Nephrology*.

For 35 years, IPNA has provided valuable services to our membership, but now the demand and need for our services and programs grows. We must seek support from a wider audience, and we need your help. While we have some challenges ahead of us, more children will receive the care they need if we can successfully meet those challenges.

As IPNA enters this new, exciting chapter of growth, our motto is ***Great Care for Little Kidneys. Everywhere.*** Our ***Little Kidneys*** team is working to generate support within and beyond the IPNA membership. Your participation now is critical.

As members and friends of IPNA, you can help by doing some simple things.

1. Donate to our ***Great Care for Little Kidneys Campaign***. Go to the [Little Kidney's website](#) to review the giving options, which include establishing a legacy gift, and supporting fellowships and teaching courses. We need membership to support this effort to garner attention from others.
2. Forward this letter to your contacts, colleagues and friends who value IPNA's work and mission.
3. Email [Tina Cottrell](#) about your experience with any IPNA program, so we can highlight IPNA's impact through storytelling.
4. Follow @Little Kidneys on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Share the newsfeed and urge others to do the same.

Kidney issues dramatically impact global health, yet sadly, kidney disease does not receive the publicity that cancer and heart disease generate. As a result, we must work harder to raise awareness about kidney disease in children and IPNA's mission. You are undoubtedly improving the lives of children through your commitment to your everyday work; I am requesting that you now consider further support with a donation to IPNA so that we can continue to meet the needs of children who need our assistance TODAY!

Thank you for all that you do for children with kidney disease and their families.

With Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end. A vertical tick mark is placed near the middle of the line. To the right of the line, the name "PCochat" is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

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