

SHOUT OUT for Kidney Health Care Teams and Care Partners

Cheering for the exceptional Kidney Care Teams, providers and Care Partners who help people live well with kidney disease by the care they give every day! Check out the stories of individual care partners and providers as well as staff appreciation activities that have been done for some Kidney Care Teams.



Care Partner

Dawn Bates

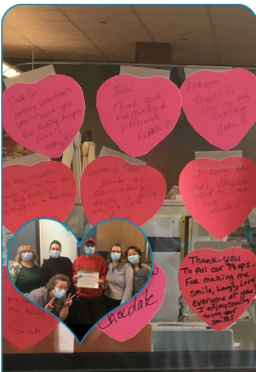
Dawn Bates lives in Dubuque, Iowa with her husband, Jimmie who is on hemodialysis. She has been his care partner since he began at home in 2009. Dawn deserves a **Shout Out**, not only for her advocacy and on behalf of her husband, but also as a Network Patient Representative at his clinic and as an advocate for NxStage. Dawn facilitates a local support group for home dialysis patients and cohosts a caregivers support group on Zoom. She is on the Network 12 Patient Advisory Council to share her positive attitude, creativity and passion! Click to read [their story](#) and get information on [online support groups](#).



Care Provider

Nacedah Hancock

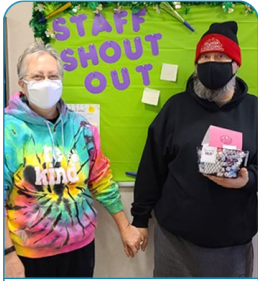
Nacedah has been a dialysis technician for 15 years and currently works at the Davita Litchfield clinic in Illinois (Network 10). Nacedah has a personal connection with her patients, because she was diagnosed with ESRD as a teen. She received a living donor transplant in 2014! Nacedah works as a PCT, Modality Educator, Safety Auditor, and Preceptor in her clinic and she was recently elected to the ESRD Network 10 Medical Review Board. Thanks for all you do Nacedah!



Care Team

Staff of Scottsbluff Dialysis

Thanks to Doug Carrell, Network Patient Representative, for sharing how the patients showed their appreciation for the staff at Scottsbluff Dialysis! Staff provided patients with an opportunity to write their words of appreciation on hearts and post them on bulletin board to be seen by all. **Shout Out** to the staff at Scottsbluff Dialysis- you are ESSENTIAL! Your caring helps to improve the lives of your patients to help them live well with kidney disease!



Care Team

Staff of Tri-State Dialysis - Dubuque

Patient and Care Partners, Jimmie and Dawn Bates and all the patients at Tri-State Dialysis - Dubuque in Iowa, say their team deserves a **Shout Out** for all they do! Thanks to Dawn and Jimmie for sharing their idea to honor staff with a Staff Shout Out bulletin board. As the Network Patient Representative for the Home Program, Dawn helped to design and post a bulletin board that would allow patients to share their gratitude for staff. They also provided lip balm to all the staff, because the Staff at Tri-State Dialysis - Dubuque is the BALM!



Care Partner

Brenda Vassar-Taylor

Brenda is a member of the ESRD Network 10 Patient Advisory Council, providing the caregiver perspective to the Network. She knows kidney disease and the role of the caregiver well, as she provided ESRD care for both her husband, Eddie Taylor and daughter Quin Taylor, who were also both members of the ESRD Network 10 PAC. Brenda started ESRD Rockstars to encourage caregivers to make themselves a priority, so that they can continue caring for the ones they love. She has now founded ESRD Care Partners, Inc. She is pictured with her daughter Quin.

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