

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CONTACT:****Cynthia Flash****425-603-9520**cynthia@flashmediaservices.com**Northwest Kidney Centers, committed to ensuring access to life-sustaining kidney care, breaks ground on downtown Seattle clinic**

Jan. 11, 2023—Northwest Kidney Centers, a nonprofit outpatient dialysis provider with clinics in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Clallam counties, has broken ground on its newest clinic near downtown Seattle.

The new state-of-the-art facility will be at 715 Alder Street in the Yesler Terrace community adjacent to Harborview Medical Center. Northwest Kidney Centers will consolidate operations from its central Seattle clinics at 700 Broadway, 600 Broadway, and 15th Ave. and Cherry Street in this new clinic to better serve patients near the downtown core.

"Northwest Kidney Centers is an essential pillar in the community, serving as a major employer and critical access provider of life-essential services for kidney patients," said Rebecca Fox, president and CEO of Northwest Kidney Centers. "We are committed to ensuring ongoing access to care for all our patients and are proud to announce a \$50 million investment in our new flagship kidney care center near downtown Seattle. This state-of-the-art facility will ensure access for patients for generations to come, including nearly 20% of our in-center patients who report experiencing housing instability."

The 68,300-square-foot building will have 46 dialysis stations, nine home dialysis training rooms, and community-education space. Northwest Kidney Centers will be able to serve more than 300 in-center dialysis patients, and provide training, education and monthly support to 125 patients who dialyze at home. Patients and their families will be able to access the organization's first-in-the-nation kidney palliative care program at this location as well as free classes that support those impacted by chronic kidney disease.

Designed to optimize patient care and safety, treatment areas will provide views of downtown Seattle and Elliott Bay, the off-street covered entryway will make for easier patient drop-off and pick-up, and the onsite garage will provide a secure parking option for patients and staff.

The clinic, which is expected to open in the third quarter of 2024, was designed by Mahlum Architects. Aldrich + Associates is the general contractor and Spectrum Development Solutions is providing project management services.

Northwest Kidney Centers is a 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 outpatient dialysis organization and today is the eighth largest dialysis provider in the United States serving nearly 2,000 patients a year in 19 dialysis centers and eight hospitals in the Puget Sound region.

Northwest Kidney Centers' mission is to promote the optimal health, quality of life and independence of people with kidney disease. Patients at Northwest Kidney Centers have access to an outpatient pharmacy specializing in the needs of patients on dialysis, with kidney transplants and chronic kidney disease, and the first-in-the-nation kidney palliative care program. Through its long-standing partnership with the University of Washington, Northwest Kidney Centers helped establish the Kidney Research Institute and the Center for Dialysis Innovation in support of new treatments and discoveries to better patient's lives. For more information, visit www.nwkidney.org.

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