“It is important to extend care and support to fellow patients before and after dialysis hours to make their lives more worthwhile and purposeful.”

Woo Lye Chee, 65
Kidney patient at Toa Payoh Dialysis Centre
Kidney patient Madam Woo Lye Chee’s journey of triumph over her life’s predicament started in the late 1960s when she was diagnosed with cancer of the lymph nodes. Through sheer strength, courage and determination, she beat the odds and made a complete recovery. However, her hectic working hours as a canteen stall operator caused her health to deteriorate and she succumbed to kidney failure in 1992.

For two years, she underwent dialysis at a hospital until she received a cadaveric kidney transplant. However, in 2008, her transplanted kidney failed and she went back on dialysis at a private centre. The high cost of dialysis drained her savings and she had to rely on her siblings and son to support her. Her husband, a retiree, suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes.

With her positive outlook in life and sense of optimism, the 65-year-old housewife is leading a meaningful life. She became an NKF patient advocate, volunteering as a beading instructor to hold classes for her fellow NKF patients to learn a new skill.

Today, Mdm Woo is able to lead a fulfilling life, thanks to NKF’s holistic programmes and quality dialysis service.
300 participants had a memorable time during the NKF “Ge Tai” Contest on 20 October 2013. 7 final vocalists sang their hearts out during the championship round. Mr Tan Tee Hwa emerged as the champion with strong support from his family. His son and daughter-in-law supported him as dancers for his performance and helped paved his way to victory. With the great performances by “Pat and Patricians”, a band from Whampoa Community Club and volunteers from The Northern Trust Company, everyone definitely had a great time there.

“I’m very glad to be able to participate in the contest. Even though I was not feeling well, the patients and staff were extremely supportive during my performance.”

Hiu Kwek Ngian, 56
Kidney patient at Bedok Dialysis Centre