“In tough times, you can view it as a problem or a challenge.”

Law Swee Guan Dani, 54
Kidney patient at Ghim Moh Dialysis Centre
Be the Everyday Hero

At 54, Law Swee Guan was diagnosed with kidney failure in September 2013. Dedi has been working over 18 hours a day as a taxi driver to support his two boys for the last decade, especially since his wife passed away in 2000.

Today, Dedi actively volunteers his time to fellow patients through hospital and home visits, new patient orientation and NKF’s outreach programmes to benefit the elderly in the community. He believes that the challenges he has been through made him a stronger person. Dedi would often volunteer to send his fellow patients to the hospital for medical appointments as well as NKF’s monthly patient gatherings.

He is very grateful to NKF for providing him with quality treatment and care, and the opportunity to encourage and support fellow patients. He only pays $30 a month for his dialysis. Dedi firmly believes in giving back to society by volunteering his time with NKF. He used to also help out the poor and the needy with churches in Philippines and Indonesia. However, as he now has to go for dialysis, he makes less frequent and very short trips there to help out.

After going through trials and tribulations, Dedi is enjoying his life with his sons and is looking forward to the arrival of his first granddaughter this September.

289 patients, caregivers and volunteers participated in our monthly patient gathering in June. Led by Marcus Chin, performers from Singapore Artists Association put up a splendid “Ge-tai” style performance for our patients.

36 of our Patient Advocates volunteered at the S’pore Sports Hub’s Open House on 27 and 28 June. They were amongst the first to witness the transformation of our old National Stadium to the new one.

Come join us for our upcoming event:
A chat with Marcus Chin on 12 October 2014
Sign up now at your dialysis centre.
“Nursing enables me to contribute to the society in many ways, as a mentor, educator, preceptor, clinical nurse manager, researcher, leader and volunteer. Above all, with my clinical knowledge, experience and skills, I am able to look after my family, relatives, friends and others.”

Ms Jamilah Binte Jantan
Senior Clinical Nurse Manager, with 11 years of service.

NKF nurse receives MOH's prestigious Nurses’ Merit Award

Our heartiest congratulations to Senior Clinical Nurse Manager Jamilah Binte Jantan for receiving the Ministry of Health’s Nurses’ Merit Award at a ceremony held at Orchard Hotel on 6 August 2014.

Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong, graced the ceremony, which recognised a record number of 81 nurses from across public sector hospitals, private hospitals and the intermediate and long-term care sector for their outstanding performance and dedication to the profession.

Recipients of the Award, which started in 1976, have demonstrated consistent and outstanding performance for the past three years, participated in professional advancement courses for their development and have made contributions to promote a professional image of nursing.

Jamilah’s interest in nursing started when her grandmother had a stroke in 1988. Being completely bedridden, she had to feed and clean her. As a teenager back then, she realised that she does not know how to care for the sick.

Sadly, her grandmother passed away in 1989. Eager to learn more, she enrolled as a nurse at the school of nursing that year. Twenty-five years of nursing has been the most rewarding experience for her as she had the opportunity to help the ill and improve their quality of life.

Over the years, she has established strong relationships with many patients. The most significant nursing experience was managing a pregnant kidney failure patient on daily haemodialysis. Motivating the patient to persevere and endure the daily cannulations, fluid and dietary restrictions were the most challenging moments in her life. Hence, it was a great joy for Jamilah to see the patient beat all odds and safely deliver a healthy baby.

From left:
Dr Pauline Tan, Chief Nursing Officer, Ministry of Health;
Ms Lee Yee Kew, Director of Nursing, NKF;
Award Winner Ms Jamilah Binte Jantan,
Senior Clinical Nurse Manager, NKF;
Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Health;
Ms Chua Chor Guiek, Assistant Director,
Nursing Services – Nursing Admin, NKF;
and Mr Edmund Kwok, CEO, NKF.