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\$2 MILLION DONATION FROM SATELLITE HEALTHCARE ESTABLISHES NORMAN AND SANDRA COPLON RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANT

Highlights

- Satellite Healthcare, Inc., has committed to contributing \$2 million to KidneyCure, which the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) will match, to endow a Transition to Independence Grant.
- Named for the founder of Satellite Healthcare and his wife, the Norman and Sandra Coplon Research Scholar Grant will be awarded annually beginning in 2026.

Washington, DC (October 24, 2025) — KidneyCure is pleased to announce the newest addition to its Transition to Independence Grants Program: The Norman and Sandra Coplon Research Scholar Grant.

Established with a \$2 million donation from Satellite Healthcare and a matching \$2 million donation from ASN, this grant will be awarded annually beginning in 2026. Named for the founder of Satellite Healthcare and his wife, the grant honors Norman and Sandra Coplon's commitment to improving the quality of life for patients with kidney diseases.

Christobel Selecky, President of Satellite's Board of Directors said, "For more than 50 years, Satellite Healthcare has lived our mission of making life better for people living with kidney diseases. Our founder, Norm Coplon, was devoted to providing high-quality, innovative, patient-centered kidney care, and supporting kidney care research and those conducting it, was a key focus of his work. We are very pleased to partner with ASN and KidneyCure to honor the legacy of Norm and his wife Sandy by establishing this program."

KidneyCure is dedicated to keeping talented investigators in the field of nephrology and on track to making groundbreaking discoveries. The foundation distributes approximately \$3 million annually to clinicians, researchers, fellows, and educators.

"The establishment of the Norman and Sandra Coplon Research Scholar Grant could not have come at a better time," said ASN President Prabir Roy-Chaudhury, MD, PhD, FASN. "We are truly at an inflection point for kidney care with a surge in new therapies for a variety of kidney diseases. To make sure that these new treatments get to kidney patients, we need to train the next generation of leaders in nephrology who will drive their implementation."

Since it was established in 1996, the Transition to Independence Grants Program has been the cornerstone of the foundation's portfolio. The program provides funding to foster junior faculty transitions to independent research careers and successful applications for National Institutes of Health (NIH) R01 grants or equivalent. Through this program, KidneyCure supports candidates who show the most promise in producing innovative research to advance nephrology. Up to 10 new and 10 continuing grants are awarded annually at \$100,000 a year for two years. Since 1996, the Transition to Independence Grants Program has funded more than 240 researchers, investing \$45 million in the future of nephrology.

Applications for the 2026 [Transition to Independence Grants Program](#) are currently open and will close November 20, 2025.

About KidneyCure

KidneyCure was established in 2012 and funds the Transition to Independence Grants Program, the Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program, the William and Sandra Bennett Clinical Scholars Program, the KidneyCure Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program, and the American Society of Nephrology-Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program. Since ASN began funding grants in 1996, the society and the foundation have awarded more than \$50 million in funding for cutting edge research. For more information on KidneyCure or its grant programs, please visit www.kidneycure.org or contact grants@asn-online.org or 202.640.4660.

About the American Society of Nephrology (ASN)

Since 1966, ASN has been leading the fight to prevent, treat, and cure kidney diseases throughout the world by educating health professionals and scientists, advancing research and innovation, communicating new knowledge and advocating for the highest quality care for patients. ASN has nearly 22,000 members representing 141 countries. For more information, visit www.asn-online.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

About Satellite Healthcare

Satellite Healthcare, Inc. has been among the nation's leading non-profit providers of kidney dialysis and related services since 1974. Satellite Healthcare has provided unparalleled kidney care services addressing patient wellness education, chronic kidney care management, and personalized clinical services. It focuses on the imperatives of value-based care, high quality, cost management, access to kidney care services, and emphasizing the importance of Home Dialysis therapies.

Satellite Healthcare's well-recognized mission of "making life better for those living with kidney disease" includes an enduring commitment to philanthropy and community service, from funding millions of dollars in research grants to sponsoring kidney programs nationwide. For more information, visit www.satellitehealthcare.com.

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