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NKR Keynotes Wharton Welcome Weekend Speech Delivered by Alumnus and NKR Founder & President, Gareth Hil

(Philadelphia, PA – April 17, 2009) - Today, during his keynote speech to participants of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania's annual "Welcome Weekend," Gareth Hil, Founder and CEO of the National Kidney Registry, announced the completion of economic research identifying \$100 billion in U.S. health care savings that can be generated by facilitating living donor kidney transplants over the next decade. Hil graduated from the Wharton MBA program in 1987 and was invited back to deliver this year's Welcome Weekend keynote address to underscore to students admitted to this fall's incoming first year MBA class, Wharton's expanding leadership and influence in high impact non-profit initiatives.

"Garet represents a segment of the Wharton alumni who have excelled in business and are now tackling major problems in our society," said Wharton Dean, Thomas Robertson. "It is an inspiration to all of us to see Wharton alumni like Garet saving lives and reducing human suffering on a massive scale through innovation and personal commitment."

"It is a great honor to be back at Wharton to talk about the important work of the National Kidney Registry," said Gareth Hil, Founder and CEO of the Registry. "Wharton's excellence in business education has served me well in both the for-profit and non-profit enterprises that I have led, and it is great to be able to share some of those experiences with this year's incoming MBA class."

The National Kidney Registry has already facilitated numerous life-saving transplants over the past two years and has the potential to facilitate thousands more while providing better transplant outcomes for patients facing kidney failure.

About the Wharton School

The [Wharton School](#) of the University of Pennsylvania — founded in 1881 as the first collegiate business school — is recognized globally for intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across every major discipline of business education. The most comprehensive source of business knowledge in the world, Wharton bridges research and practice through its broad engagement with the global business community. The School has more than 4,700 [undergraduate](#), [MBA](#), [executive MBA](#), and [doctoral](#) students; more than 12,000 annual participants in [executive education programs](#); and an [alumni network](#) of more than 84,000 graduates.

About the National Kidney Registry

The National Kidney Registry (www.kidneyregistry.org) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to save and improve the lives of people facing kidney failure by increasing the quality, speed and number of living donor transplants.