

# The City of Tacoma Announces Official 'DaVita Day'

## **FORTUNE 500 Kidney Care Company Recognized for Contributions to Community**

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DaVita Inc. , a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD), announced it was honored this week by the City of Tacoma and Mayor Bill Baarsma with a proclamation declaring an official "DaVita Day" in the city.

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The proclamation and presentation of a key to the city was announced at a reception organized by the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, and the Executive Council for a Greater Tacoma. United States Representative Norm Dicks (D-WA) was also in attendance to honor DaVita .

According to the proclamation signed by Mayor Baarsma, "we encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions this exceptional company has made and will continue to make to the community."

"The City of Tacoma and the local business community continue to go above and beyond in their support for DaVita and our teammates," said Jim Hilger, Vice President and Controller at DaVita. "We're honored by this recognition from the city and are excited to celebrate 'DaVita Day' with the Tacoma community."

DaVita recently completed negotiations to extend its lease on office space at 1423 Pacific Avenue as well as at the Columbia Bank Center for the company's nearly 900 teammates (employees) located in Tacoma.

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About DaVita Inc.

DaVita Inc., a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, providing dialysis services and education for patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita has been recognized as the only FORTUNE 500 company on WorldBlu's annual List of Most Democratic Workplaces™. As of June 30, 2009, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 1,493 outpatient dialysis facilities and acute units in approximately 700 hospitals located in 43 states and the District of Columbia, serving approximately 116,000 patients. As part of DaVita's commitment to building a healthy, caring community, DaVita develops, participates in and donates to numerous programs dedicated to transforming communities and creating positive, sustainable change for children, families and our environment. For more information about DaVita, its kidney education materials and its community programs, please visit [www.davita.com](http://www.davita.com).

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