DaVita Training Programs Ranked #1 in U.S. Among National Health Care Service Providers

Honored as Best in its Field for Training and Education

DaVita Inc., a leading provider of kidney care services, today acknowledged its rank as the #1 national health care service provider for its employee training programs, as announced by Training Magazine's Top 125, last week. The company was ranked #58 overall, nearly 20 seats above its previous ranking in 2008. This is the fifth straight year Training Magazine has honored DaVita® as one of the Top 125 ranked companies of employer-sponsored workforce training and development.

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The recognition is awarded to organizations that demonstrate a deep commitment to learning and development excellence.

"DaVita is thrilled to receive this honor for the fifth consecutive year," said Laura Mildenberger, Chief People Officer at DaVita. "Continuous Improvement is core to the Mission and Values of DaVita. Training and education programs are integral to all of our teammates' (employees') personal and professional development and we are so pleased our programs are recognized in this way."

This is the eighth year that Training Magazine has announced the awards, determined by utilizing quantitative and qualitative research taking into consideration the following criteria: organization size, training tied to business objectives, leadership development and number of trainers.

Hailed previously by Training Magazine as one of the best U.S. for-profit healthcare companies, DaVita continues its commitment to creating a supportive and rewarding environment, launching and sustaining numerous programs dedicated to building healthy, caring communities for its patients, teammates and the world.

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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 manages more than 1,400 outpatient facilities and acute units in more than 700 hospitals located in 43 states and the District of Columbia, serving approximately 110,000 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 and its community programs, please visit www.davita.com.

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