DaVita Becomes the First FORTUNE 500 Healthcare Services Company to Join the EPA Green Power Partnership

Program Offsets Carbon Footprint at DaVita's Six Corporate Business Offices

DaVita Inc. , a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD), today announced that the company is the first FORTUNE 500 healthcare services company to join the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Green Power Partnership program. Joining this program is part of DaVita's mission to educate patients, caregivers and the rest of the healthcare community on the importance of utilizing environmentally-friendly power alternatives to ensure a healthy future for all.

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Through the program, DaVita will offset 10,000,000 kilowatts of energy - enough to power DaVita's six largest corporate business offices for an entire year - through the utilization of renewable wind energy. The offset is the equivalent of removing 1,315 passenger vehicles from the road, or reducing the strain placed on local power grids by the amount of power consumed by approximately 1,000 American homes.

"Providing life-saving treatment for our patients requires adapting to the needs of an ever-changing world," said Misha Palecek, Divisional Vice President and DaVita Village Green™ Program Director. "Our patients expect high quality service and support, and we encourage our patients, caregivers, partners and the rest of the industry to join us in this important effort."

This commitment to green business and carbon footprint management is part of DaVita Village Green, a program designed to reduce the environmental impact of the company's business practices. DaVita Village Green is dedicated to providing education to clinical facilities and business offices on the fundamentals of conservation, identifying ways to reduce DaVita's carbon footprint and pursuing green supply purchasing options.

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About EPA Green Power Partnership

EPA's Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that encourages organizations to purchase green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use. The Partnership currently has hundreds of partners voluntarily purchasing billions of kilowatt hours of green power annually. Partners include a wide variety of leading organizations, such as Fortune 500 companies, small and medium sized businesses, local, state, and federal governments, trade associations, as well as colleges and universities. Additional information about the Green Power Partnership and the Green Power Leadership Awards is available at http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/winners/index.htm.

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 materials, and its community programs, please visit www.davita.com.

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