DaVita Celebrates the Opening of Its 1,500th Outpatient Kidney Care Clinic in the United States

DaVita Inc. , a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD), today announced its 1,500th outpatient dialysis and kidney care clinic in the United States has opened in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

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"DaVita's 1,500th kidney Dialysis center is an important milestone in our ongoing effort to become the greatest kidney care company the world has ever seen," said Dennis Kogod, Chief Operating Officer of DaVita®. "We are pleased to announce that the Gulf Shores, Alabama clinic will hold the distinction of being number 1,500."

The Gulf Shores center is a state-of-the-art facility providing in-clinic and at-home hemodialysis, as well peritoneal dialysis. The facility currently provides care to 19 kidney care patients in the region, as well as a substantial number of traveling dialysis patients. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house will be held on July 16, 2009 with Alabama State Rep. Greg Wren expected to attend.

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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. Recognized as the only FORTUNE 500® company on WorldBlu's annual List of Most Democratic Work Places™, DaVita manages more than 1,475 outpatient facilities and acute units in more than 700 hospitals located in 43 states and the District of Columbia, serving approximately 114,000 patients - nearly one-in-three of all dialysis patients in the United States. 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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