FORTUNE Ranks DaVita among Most Admired Companies for Seventh Consecutive Year

DENVER --(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 6, 2012-- DaVita Inc. (NYSE: DVA), a leading provider of kidney care services that is committed to improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD), has been recognized as one of FORTUNE® Magazine's Most Admired Companies in 2012 - for the seventh consecutive year.

DaVita® was ranked third overall among health care facilities and ranked first in the innovation category among health care facilities. DaVita also ranks fourth among all Colorado-based companies recognized on the list.

"At DaVita, we work very hard to help our patients live longer and live better, with true quality of life," said Kent Thiry, chairman and CEO of DaVita. "I think this ranking recognizes that DaVita's holistic, patient-centered approach to care and our highly regarded corporate culture have produced outstanding results."

The FORTUNE rankings rate companies on a variety of measures, including innovation, social responsibility, quality of products and services, and people management. The FORTUNE list includes companies such as Apple, Target, Google and St. Jude Medical in its ranks.

DaVita has also been recognized in the last year in Newsweek's U.S. Green rankings, for innovation (InformationWeek 500 list), for training and development of its teammates (Training Top 125), and for online health care leadership (eHealthcare Leadership).

"We call DaVita a 'Village,' because we consider ourselves a community first and a company second," Thiry said. "This recognition honors incredible efforts across the Village to improve our patients' quality of life - on the part of our physician partners, nurses and patient care technicians in clinics all over the country."

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About DaVita

DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVitastrives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services. As of Dec. 31, 2011, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 1,809 dialysis facilities in the United States, serving approximately 142,000 patients. The company also operated 11 outpatient dialysis centers located in three countries outside the United States. DaVita supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. The company's leadership development initiatives and social responsibility efforts have been recognized by Fortune,Modern Healthcare, Newsweek and WorldBlu. For more information, please visit http://www.davita.com.

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