DaVita Signs Statement of Support with Military Spouse Employment Partnership

Kidney Care Provider is One of 15 New Partners Inducted to the Growing Program

DENVER, Jun 30, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- DaVita Inc. (NYSE: DVA), a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with end stage renal disease (ESRD) and chronic kidney disease (CKD), this week committed to the Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) by signing a statement of support in Washington, D.C.

The Army Spouse Employment Partnership (ASEP) expanded to become MSEP per the White House report "Strengthening Our Military Families - Meeting America's Commitment." MSEP includes all branches of the armed forces, guard and reserves in its program, partnering those families with non-profit organizations, federal agencies and Fortune 500® companies with strong initiatives to employ military spouses across the United States.

"Engaging with the Military Spouse Employment Partnership is a wonderful honor," said DaVita® Chief People Officer Laura Mildenberger. "This serves as an extension of our on-going commitment to welcoming military veterans and their families into the DaVita Village. Their understanding and dedication to service excellence continues to be a tremendous asset to our goal of becoming the greatest health care community the world has ever seen."

DaVita joins the 57 current partners, including Lockheed Martin, Starbucks, Home Depot and Verizon, with 14 others inducted this week, bringing the partner total to 72. With nearly 2,400 locations across the country, including dialysis clinics, hospital units and business offices, DaVita offers numerous locations near military installments which can employ military veterans and spouses, while offering excellent career portability.

DaVita strongly believes in being a community first and a company second and has found that military veterans and families share the idea of embracing teammates (employees) and patients as a Village. Since January 2010, DaVita has hired more than 400 military veterans, offering transitional support for teammates with a military background.

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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 and education to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. As of March 31, 2011, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 1,642 dialysis facilities, serving approximately 128,000 patients. DaVita develops, participates in and donates to numerous programs dedicated to transforming communities and creating positive, sustainable change for children, families and our environment. The company's leadership development initiatives and corporate social responsibility efforts have been recognized by *Fortune*, *Modern Healthcare*,*Newsweek* and *WorldBlu*, among others. For more information, please visit http://www.davita.com.

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