12th Annual Tour DaVita Raises $1.1M for Bridge of Life

Cyclists rode nearly 100,000 miles through Virginia to raise awareness about kidney disease

DENVER, Oct. 5, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- DaVita Inc. (NYSE: DVA), a leading provider of kidney care services in the United States, today announced Tour DaVita, an annual event to increase awareness of kidney disease and to encourage vital health screenings, raised $1.1 million to benefit Bridge of Life, a nonprofit organization founded by DaVita that supports medical missions in the U.S. and abroad.

"One of the things that made this ride so special was that many of the riders had a personal connection to the purpose of Tour DaVita," said Dave Hoerman, chief wisdom officer for DaVita Kidney Care. "Whether a rider cares for patients in a center, they have a loved one with kidney disease or they were patients themselves, each participant rode for a bigger cause."

To participate in the event, riders each met a fundraising goal and paid their own travel expenses. Individual fundraising combined with donations from DaVita and other corporate sponsorships contributed to more than $1.1 million to Bridge of Life. Bridge of Life works to strengthen health care globally through sustainable programs to help prevent kidney disease through early-detection testing and education for adults and children.

This year's Tour DaVita sponsors include Amgen, ASD Healthcare, Henry Schein, Inc, Wells Fargo, Baxter, ADI Construction of Virginia LLC, Dell Technologies, NxStage Medical, Meridian, MUFG and Tata Consultancy Services.

To date, Tour DaVita has helped raise more than $11 million for nonprofits dedicated to raising awareness of kidney disease, providing kidney disease screenings and expanding access to kidney care and primary health care in developing countries.

Tour DaVita took place in Virginia over the course of three days with 571 riders participating in the event, collectively riding a total of 94,015 miles. The first day was a 66-mile ride through the misty country roads of Doswell. Day two brought with it a torrential downpour in the afternoon as riders finished either a 72 or 100-mile course, which ended near Williamsburg. The third and final day brought heat and sunshine for the 58-mile leg that twisted along the James River.

This is the 12th Tour DaVita and the first time it has been hosted in Virginia. Other tours have taken place in Tennessee, Oregon, Wisconsin, Michigan, Washington State, Iowa and other locations along the East coast. In total, more than 1 million miles have been ridden through Tour DaVita since its inception.

For more information about Tour DaVita, please visit TourDaVita.org or Facebook.com/TourDaVita.

For more information about Bridge of Life, please visit BridgeofLifeInternational.org or Facebook.com/BridgeofLifeInternational.

About DaVita Inc.
DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and DaVita Medical Group. DaVita Kidney Care 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. As of June 30, 2018, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,580 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 201,000 patients. The company also operated 253 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. DaVita Medical Group manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico and Washington in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. DaVita Medical Group's teammates, employed clinicians and affiliated clinicians provided care for approximately 1.7 million patients. For more information, please visit DaVita.com/About.

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