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## DaVita Way of Giving: Dialysis Centers Give Back to the Community Lakewood Dialysis Center Gives \$1,000 to VHL Family Alliance

**LAKEWOOD**, **Calif.** (Jan. 21, 2013) – DaVita®, the kidney care division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE: DVA) and a leading provider of kidney care services, announced a \$1,000 contribution to VHL (von Hippel-Lindau Disease) Family Alliance.

On Jan. 10, 2013, DaVita Lakewood Dialysis Center presented VHL Family Alliance (VHLFA) with a \$1,000 check as part of the "DaVita Way of Giving," the company's local charitable giving initiative, which is distributing more than \$1 million to help non-profit organizations throughout the United States grow and thrive.

VHLFA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is dedicated to research, education and support to improve diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for those affected by von Hippel-Lindau disease. VHLFA is the preeminent resource for patients, caregivers, researchers and the medical community. Von Hippel-Lindau disease is a rare, genetic form of cancer. Tumors associated with the disease can spread to various parts of the body, and to date there is no pharmacological treatment other than surgery and monitoring any future tumor developments. VHLFA has provided over \$1.3 million towards cancer research and improving current therapy options for those suffering. DaVita Lakewood Dialysis chose to donate to VHLFA because they do so much for the community in terms of education, support and research as well as their compassion towards the individuals and families who are affected by VHL.

"I cannot think of a more worthy organization to donate to. Their services are beyond helpful and supportive and provide valuable education to those in need. They assume the overwhelming responsibility for advocating for the small populations of individuals and families affected by VHL and work in regards to health care needs and research to fight for a cure," said Kimberly Teske, Social Worker.

llene Sussman of VHLFA said the DaVita contribution will go a long way to support their mission.

"On behalf of the VHLFA I want to thank DaVita for their generous donation. It is with great pleasure we accept the donation as it will help support our goal to educate, support and improve diagnosis, treatment and the quality of life for those affected by VHL," said Sussman.

DaVita, a leading provider of kidney care services committed to improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD), is dedicated to spreading ripples of citizen leadership through its Trilogy of Care – caring for its patients, caring for each other and caring for the world.

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## **About DaVita**

DaVita is the dialysis division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company. A leading provider of kidney care in the United States, DaVita delivers dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita strives 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 September 30, 2012, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 1,912 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 150,000 patients. The company also operated 24 outpatient dialysis centers located in five 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 DaVita.com.

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