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## **DaVita Care India and Bridge of Life Partner to Host Free Kidney Disease Screenings in Jodhpur and Phalodi**

*Kidney care leader partners with global nonprofit to help Indians learn their risk and slow the progression of chronic kidney disease*

**DENVER (April 22, 2016)** – [DaVita Care India](#), a leading provider of kidney care and health care services, and Bridge of Life (BOL), a nonprofit organization founded by DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., partnered with [HBS Trust](#) to facilitate [kidney disease screenings](#) and education events in Phalodi and Jodhpur. Over 650 Indians were screened and educated about chronic kidney disease (CKD).

“CKD is a silent epidemic that often has no symptoms,” said Dr. Suresh Sankarasubbaiyan, chief medical officer, DaVita Care India. “As a result, most people with kidney failure had no prior warning that their kidneys were at risk.”

The good news is that CKD is often preventable if detected early. DaVita Care India teammates will volunteer at the screenings in partnership with HBS Trust and BOL to provide CKD and education services to the people at the event. Community members will also receive CKD prevention education related to nutrition, exercise and avoiding risky behaviors.

“Our hope is to reduce the incidence of CKD and consequently the need for lifelong dialysis treatment,” said Greta Walker, senior director, donor relations and communications for Bridge of Life. “Working with a local dialysis provider, we also plan to create a sustainable education program to continue community education long after the event.”

BOL and DaVita Care India partnered for the first time last fall with BOL’s in-country partner the [Nepal Kidney Foundation](#) and screened 2,282 Nepalese to raise awareness about the disease and develop a long-term strategy to address kidney care in key regions of the country.

To learn more about your risk of CKD, visit [DaVita.com/IN](#). To learn more about Bridge of Life and their global medical missions, visit [BridgeofLifeInternational.org](#).

### **About DaVita Kidney Care in India**

DaVita Care India is a division of DaVita Kidney Care, a global company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of health care services to patient populations in India and throughout Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America. As a leading provider of dialysis services, DaVita Care India treats patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita Care India 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 Dec. 31, 2015, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,369 outpatient dialysis centers worldwide



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serving approximately 190,000 patients. DaVita Care India operated or provided administrative services at more than 20 centers serving approximately 1,000 patients. DaVita Care India supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. For more information, please visit [DaVita.com/IN](http://DaVita.com/IN). DaVita and DaVita HealthCare Partners are trademarks or registered trademarks of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.

#### **About Bridge of Life**

Bridge of Life (BOL) is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc. BOL improves access to primary care and dialysis treatment in underserved communities around the world while also focusing on prevention of kidney disease through early-detection testing and education. BOL serves thousands of men, women and children through four programs: kidney care, primary care, education and prevention, and kids' camps. In 2016, BOL will complete more than 30 international medical missions and over 50 domestic missions and CKD screening events, impacting nearly 17,000 lives in the United States and abroad. For more information, please visit [BridgeofLifeInternational.org](http://BridgeofLifeInternational.org).

#### **About HBS Trust**

Human Benefit Services (HBS) was founded in 1978 with the simple goal: to make a real difference in rural India. The late Captain Dr. Shanti Jain, a visionary community physician, to begin the difficult, but worthwhile process of bringing sustainable development to Rajasthan founded Human Benefit Services (HBS) in 1978. Dedicated to providing superior quality health care and educational facilities to the provinces centrally located Phalodi-Khichan region of district Jodhpur, HBS has concentrated its efforts on finding long-term sustainable solutions to Rajasthan's most fundamental needs. With committed leadership, generous donations from around the world, and clear vision of success, HBS is making good on its promise. Over 300,000 rural residents now have access to necessary healthcare services and educational opportunities that they didn't have before.

#### **About NKF**

The Nepal Kidney Foundation is the leading organization in the Nepal dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of healthcare professionals, thousands of patients and their families, many of Nepal at risk. The Nepal Kidney Foundation as a nonprofit organization of concerned individuals, corporate bodies and professionals who have pledged their time and resources toward filling a void in the country's health services.

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