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## DaVita

### ~ Food Brings Hope accepts \$1000 donation from Kidney HealthCare professionals Day-of-Giving ~

DAYTONA BEACH – FEBRUARY 13, 2017 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. DaVita which is Italian for "giving life"—has more than 67,000 teammates working to provide superior patient care. So when Alexis Franco, RN., DaVita Facility Administrator, Daytona Beach contacted our office to let us know a team of health care professional had organized a Day of Giving, we applauded them for allowing the time.

"I am so happy to say that Food Brings Hope was selected to receive \$1,000 from our annual DaVita Day-of-Giving campaign. Your program is such an inspiration to me and I am happy to be able to assist you in a small way to continue sending out ripples of hope into our community" said Alexis Franco. Joined by Erin McCloud, Alexis presented Shelley Brathwaite, Programs Coordinator for Food Brings Hope with a check for the amount raised during the DaVita Day-of-Giving.

Mrs. Franco and all our medical professionals are unsung heroes who deal with crisis every moment of every day and are very special care givers. You have to have a heartfelt passion to commit to the medical profession. Registered Nurses commitment to caring extends to all of our children, they recognize the severity of need in Volusia and Flagler County.

The number of children dealing with hunger and food insecurities is also a crisis that cannot be ignored. How can a child be expected to learn if they are distracted by hunger? If the body is compromised so is the mind and we want our children to set their minds on expectations for success. The generosity of Day-of-Giving organizers is an investment in the students enrolled in our programs, students can focus on setting a path towards specific areas of industry. Our curriculum, tutors, and mentors guide them to perform academically and reach their goals.

We are preparing our students to enter careers of the future. We cannot predict who will be the next generation of care givers, but for all our sakes, we must encourage learning in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This donation will allow us to expand nutrition and athletic areas of our programs creating good practices in staying healthy in mind, body and spirit.

We are grateful to hard working friends like DaVita's medical professionals who have very busy schedules yet find the time to raise funds. Organized fundraising can be the smallest gesture in the busiest day; forward a link to our Food Brings Hope website, or share our Facebook post with friends, every Day of Giving helps to improve lives of the underprivileged.

### **About Food Brings Hope**

Food Brings Hope (FBH), a 501(c)(3) Public Charity, provides collaborative solutions for families with children who experience hunger due to homelessness, poverty, or unfamiliarity with community resources. FBH's mission is to nurture the mind, body and spirit of underprivileged children in our community. Among other services, **FBH** offers school based programs (termed **KidsZone** in elementary schools and **TeenZone** in the upper grades) that provide meals, tutoring and activities for at-risk students. FBH also facilitates enrichment activities such as Nutrition Days and Hands On Banking Programs along with field trips to local educational destinations and events. At FBH, 100% of all donations go directly to the programs that support

students in need. For more information about Food Brings Hope, please visit [www.FoodBringsHope.org](http://www.FoodBringsHope.org) or contact Shelley Brathwaite, Program Coordinator, at (386)843-1161 or [Shelley@FoodBringsHope.org](mailto:Shelley@FoodBringsHope.org).