



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DaVita Bridge of Life



Bridge of Life
founded by DaVita

Working together for a healthier world

Describe camp in three words: Empowering, inspiring, life-changing

Our organization has volunteered at Roundup River Ranch since: 2006

Tell us about your organization: Bridge of Life (BOL) is a 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.

In what volunteer role does your organization serve at Roundup River Ranch? BOL provides Roundup River Ranch with volunteers including nurses, general practitioners, specialists and non-clinical volunteers for regular camp sessions and special events. We also distribute dialysis equipment and consumable supplies through in-kind donations that BOL has received. Our hope is to build upon and strengthen the

experiences that Roundup River Ranch provides to children. BOL partners with DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc., whose teammates (employees) serve as volunteers through BOL at Roundup River Ranch, committing to one of DaVita's core values of "caring for our world." In 2015, 19 volunteers served Roundup River Ranch campers at four camp sessions, including Kidney Family Weekend. As teammate volunteer Andi Crance said, *"Roundup River Ranch has such a great mission statement and values, similar to DaVita, so it is natural to find yourself 'at home' there."*

What motivates the employees of your organization to volunteer at Roundup River Ranch? Working with Roundup River Ranch allows BOL to connect DaVita teammates with volunteer opportunities that provide unique, one-on-one interaction between volunteers and campers. BOL volunteers return from camp sessions with impactful experiences that they share with fellow teammates: how working with campers demonstrates DaVita's Trilogy of Care (Caring for Our Patients, Caring for Each Other and Caring for Our World); why they chose a career in healthcare; how it feels to give back; and how amazing it is to work with children who bravely face their illnesses every day. DaVita teammate volunteer Tracy Ummel shared, *"Roundup River Ranch is a special place, and everyone there was pretty incredible. I couldn't believe how easy it was to make connections with the families and how hard it was to say goodbye!"*

How has your Roundup River Ranch volunteer experience impacted your organization? By partnering with Roundup River Ranch, we have the opportunity to provide additional domestic volunteer opportunities to DaVita teammates who want to give back and engage in their communities. Volunteers are not just providing one-time services or treatments. They are providing life-changing experiences for campers.

Why would you encourage other groups to volunteer at camp? Roundup River Ranch is an empowering place for children who face serious illness every day. Any organization would be fortunate to partner with Roundup River Ranch and give their volunteers the opportunity to work closely with these terrific campers. At one camp session, DaVita teammate volunteer Cheryl Johnson witnessed an experience that had a profound impact on her: *"One child came late to meet the bus for camp because he found out last-minute he was approved to attend...He did not have what he needed for camp, including his power wheelchair. The camp purchased new clothes for him and made the three-hour trip each way to Denver to get his chair...The dedication to kids at Roundup River Ranch is just amazing. It isn't just talked about, it's practiced. I just don't see that in today's world."*

What would you like to say to those groups who may be interested in volunteering at Roundup River Ranch? Just do it! You won't regret it and will be asking when you can go back again!