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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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June 25, 2018

Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Support Letter for Geneva Crossing Dialysis, Carol Stream (Proj. No. 17-013)

Dear Chair Olson,

I write to express support for Geneva Crossing Dialysis on behalf of World Relief DuPage/Aurora and the refugees, immigrants and asylees we serve. Our organization partners with churches and the broader community to help our new neighbors as they make their home here. We help new residents integrate into the community and connect those we serve with a comprehensive range of services including English language training, employment services, and child and youth programs.

We also help individuals connect with area health resources. Many of those we work with have lived many years, or even their lives, without access to adequate health care. We find that many have diabetes and other chronic diseases, including kidney disease. For these individuals and others in our community, Geneva Crossing Dialysis will allow residents to receive dialysis care near their homes. The clinic will also help address the growing demand for dialysis services in DuPage County.

World Relief DuPage fully supports DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposed Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic. We respectfully request that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the clinic to better serve residents of Carol Stream and neighboring communities.

Sincerely,

Susan Sperry
Executive Director