

Walgreens Home Care Agrees to Acquire CV Medical Solutions in Oklahoma City

PITTSBURGH, PA. February 16 -- Walgreens Home Care today announced that it has agreed to acquire Canadian Valley Medical Solutions, Inc., located in Oklahoma City, Okla. CV Medical Solutions is an accredited provider of home infusion therapy, respiratory services including home oxygen, customized mobility and seating products and home medical equipment. The company has provided home care services to patients in the central and western Oklahoma regions for more than 13 years. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

The Braff Group initiated the transaction, conducted negotiations, and served as exclusive merger and acquisition advisor for CV Medical Solutions.

In addition to its comprehensive home care services, CV Medical Solutions offers a unique program called CV Kids, which focuses on pediatric patient needs such as specialized respiratory (ventilator and airway management), infusion and skilled nursing and customized rehabilitation.

"We are pleased to reach this agreement with one of Oklahoma's leading providers of home care services," said Ron Allen, vice president of Walgreens Home Care. "CV Medical Solutions has an excellent reputation in the communities it serves and will complement our current facility in Tulsa. This acquisition demonstrates our commitment to the home care needs of the Oklahoma market."

"This is a major milestone for our company," said Tracey Wills, co-owner with her husband, Jeff, of CV Medical Solutions. "Walgreens is well-positioned to be a leader in the burgeoning field of home care, and we are excited to become part of that strategic positioning and growth plan."

Added Jeff Wills, "We'll continue to run the day-to-day operations with our staff at our Oklahoma City location. This strengthens our presence in Oklahoma and only adds to our momentum to increase market share."

"While the combination of Walgreens Home Care and CV Medical is an outstanding strategic and business fit, it is an even better cultural fit – a critical determinant of M&A success", commented Chuck Gaetano, Managing Director of The Braff Group.

About Walgreens Home Care, Inc.

Walgreens Home Care, Inc. delivers quality, patient-focused home infusion, respiratory and medical equipment services through its accredited home care facilities. The company's clinical programs provide the expert care coordination expected by patients, physicians and insurance plans. The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Walgreen Co. (NYSE, Nasdaq: WAG), the nation's largest drugstore chain with fiscal 2005 sales of \$42.2 billion and more than 5,100 stores in 45 states and Puerto Rico. In addition to Walgreens Home Care, Walgreens provides fully integrated services to patients and prescription drug and medical plans through Walgreens Health Initiatives, Inc. (its pharmacy benefit management subsidiary), Walgreens Mail Service, Inc. and Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy.

About The Braff Group

The Braff Group is a leading middle market merger and acquisition firm that specializes in the home health care, hospice, home medical equipment, specialty pharmacy, infusion therapy, staffing, and eHealthcare market sectors. The firm provides merger and acquisition representation, strategic planning, and valuation services. In addition to being recognized as one of the Pittsburgh Region's fastest growing privately held firms two years running, The Braff Group was awarded the Health Care Deal of the Year in 2004 and 2005 by the M&A Advisor, a leading publication dedicated to middle market merger and acquisition activity. The firm was also named as a finalist for Investment Banking firm of the Year.

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