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Ninth Annual John A. DeQuattro Memorial Lecture at ECHN Draws a Large Crowd

MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT – Eastern Connecticut Health Network’s (ECHN) Ninth Annual John A. DeQuattro Memorial Lecture was held on Thursday, May 14. Keynote speaker, Kris Carr, author, filmmaker and cancer survivor, spoke to the 300 attendees about her courageous story of survival, as well as provided invaluable tips for learning to live in a self-nurturing manner and rebuilding self-esteem. When 31-year-old Carr was diagnosed with a rare and incurable stage-four vascular cancer in 2003, she turned her story of survival into an uplifting documentary, “Crazy Sexy Cancer.” The film, which Carr wrote and directed, chronicled her four-year journey living and thriving with cancer and was broadcast on The Learning Channel (TLC) and Discovery Health in 2007.



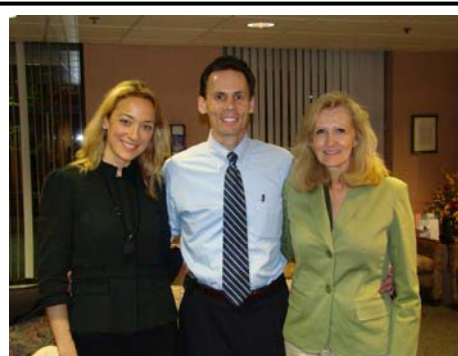
Kris Carr speaks to the 300 attendees about her unique and inspirational story.



After the keynote talk, everyone was welcome to participate in a book signing with Kris Carr.

All attendees received a giveaway bag that included a free copy of Carr’s most recent book, *Crazy, Sexy Cancer Survivor: More Rebellion and Fire for Your Healing Journey*. Following the keynote talk, attendees enjoyed refreshments and also had the opportunity to participate in a book signing with Ms. Carr.

This event would not have been possible without the generosity and support of Eastern Connecticut Pathology Consultants, P.C. Additionally, some contributions made to the John A. DeQuattro Cancer Center also helped to make this program, as well as other ECHN community programs, possible.



Kris Carr, Dennis O'Neill, MD of Eastern Connecticut Pathology Consultants, PC and Kathy O'Neill.

ECHN is a not-for-profit health care system serving 19 towns in eastern Connecticut, through its network of affiliates that include Manchester Memorial Hospital, Rockville General Hospital, Woodlake at Tolland (a 130-bed nursing home and short-term rehabilitation facility), the ECHN Medical Building at Evergreen Walk in South Windsor, which houses the Women's Center for Wellness, and ECHN Health Services Inc. (a series of medical practices owned and operated by ECHN). It is in partnership with Visiting Nurse & Health Services of Connecticut Inc., Connecticut Occupational Medicine Partners Inc., Ambulance Service of Manchester, Aetna Ambulance, Metro Wheelchair, and Saint Francis Care (which partners with ECHN on the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory of the Hoffman Heart Institute of Connecticut at Rockville General Hospital), Community CancerCare Inc. (which provides radiation therapy services at The John A. DeQuattro Community Cancer Center in Manchester), Evergreen Imaging in South Windsor and the Tolland Imaging Center. ECHN is also affiliated with Connecticut Children's Medical Center. More detailed information about the health system can be found on our Website at www.echn.org.