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Sue Antonelli is Day Kimball's May Employee of the Month

PUTNAM, CONNECTICUT – Day Kimball Healthcare announces that Sue Antonelli, RN, a hospice nurse for Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut, is Day Kimball's May Employee of the Month.

"Sue is an ambassador of our program and a true patient advocate. There is not a day that goes by where Sue does not demonstrate her ongoing commitment to her profession by extending herself to her patients and families. She has the unique ability of addressing and acknowledging the spiritual component of care for her patients including physical care, social and emotional support," said Carol Emmerthal, RN, MSN, director, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut. Emmerthal added, "Sue is compassionate and has an empathetic approach, giving her patients and families assurance, confidence and lasting memories to the very end of life."

Antonelli has been employed by Day Kimball Healthcare for more than 10 years. In her role she provides her patients relief from physical, emotional, social, and spiritual discomforts, as well as supportive care to her patients and their family members. She often works with the wound care team at Day Kimball. In addition, Antonelli participates in peer review audits.

"I am flattered to be named Employee of the Month, and I am grateful for being able to work in this field with fellow employees who value patient care as the top priority," said Antonelli. She continued, "As hospice workers, we are called into situations that have exhausted all chance of cure. Patients are fearful and discouraged and often state 'nothing else can be done for me.' In my role I am able to state 'well we can help, and we will continue to be supportive to you and your family until the end.'"

Antonelli graduated from Community College of Rhode Island with an Associate's Degree in Nursing and is a Registered Nurse. She is working toward obtaining her nursing competency in Maternal Child Health to be able to provide palliative care for children.

Originally from Smithfield, Rhode Island, Antonelli currently resides in Chepachet, Rhode Island with her husband Michael. They have three grown children and six grandchildren.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a non-profit, integrated medical services provider comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, Putnam and Thompson, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern CT, Day Kimball HomeMakers and Day Kimball Physician Practices. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,200 employees including nearly 300 highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is daykimball.org.