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**CHA to Recognize Day Kimball Healthcare's Erica Kesselman, MD,  
as a Healthcare Hero**

WALLINGFORD – At its 97th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Erica Kesselman, MD, obstetrician/gynecologist with Day Kimball Healthcare, as a 2015 Healthcare Hero. She was nominated for this award by Sara Brandon.

Dr. Kesselman supports community health in myriad ways. As a child safety advocate, she cares for children (and their families) after their birth, working with the Windham County Multidisciplinary Team to support children who have disclosed sexual abuse.

She also engages in preventive education. She has become a certified facilitator of the Steward of Children: Darkness to Light program, advocating for and supporting Day Kimball's effort to certify all 1,400 employees by 2017 in child sexual abuse prevention. She has personally trained hundreds of hospital medical teams, employees, and community members.

This past fall, Dr. Kesselman was appointed a member of the State Advisory Council on Children and Families by Governor Dannel Malloy. She is a founding member of the advisory council of the Northeast Connecticut Women & Girls Fund. She represents Day Kimball and Windham County in the Children's Public Health Campaign Work Group that is spearheaded through DCF.

Dr. Kesselman has supported and participated in Day Kimball's Give It a TRI Triathlon event, and has served as a coach on the region's HealthQuest Follow the Fifty initiative to improve heart health for women. She is a vocal advocate for women's health, and speaks frequently on WINY 1350 AM.

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its 14th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.



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**About CHA**

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.