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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Day Kimball Healthcare Awarded \$4,000 Grant by Pink Aid for Breast Cancer Patients**

PUTNAM, CONN. (August 18, 2020) – Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) was recently awarded a \$4,000 grant from Pink Aid, a charitable organization that helps to fund breast cancer support services for women in need, for the period of March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

The grant will help underserved women gain access to support services through DKH's Homemakers division including access to long and short term home care and personal care, as well as transportation for patients' needs. Pink Aid's grants to Day Kimball Healthcare have totaled \$19,000 since 2014, which has helped approximately 26 women obtain breast cancer support services.

"We are so fortunate to be able to offer financial support to women in our community," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Breast cancer support services are important for every woman battling cancer, regardless of cost or their insurance situation. Pink Aid's funding allows us to expand our reach to women who might otherwise go without these vital services."

"We are incredibly grateful to Pink Aid for their continued support of our programs," said Michelle Donahue, BSN, RN, OCN, hematology-oncology manager, Day Kimball Healthcare. "Connecticut has one of the highest rates of breast cancer and Pink Aid's support is critical in allowing us to provide access to health care services for local women facing the challenges of this disease."

Pink Aid's mission is to help underserved local women survive breast cancer treatment with support and dignity, to provide screening to women in financial need, and to empower breast cancer survivors to heal by helping and inspiring others. Pink Aid grants are awarded to recipient whose goals best advance Pink Aid's mission.

"Our overall goal is to be sure women in Northeast Connecticut have the best possible access to the care they need, without having to leave their communities," said Andrew MacKenzie, MD, FACOG, chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology, Day Kimball Healthcare. "The Pink Aid grant is a strong component in our ability to expand access to high-quality women's health services for patients and families who are looking for a comprehensive, personalized experience, close to home."

Day Kimball's Women's Health Services program offers a wide range of services including: wellness and prevention programs; comprehensive breast care; obstetrics; gynecology; maternal child health; maternal fetal medicine; and more.

For more information about DKH's Pink Aid grant and cancer services, contact Crystal Auger, Oncology Patient Navigator at (860) 963-6425 or [cauger@daykimball.org](mailto:cauger@daykimball.org) or visit [www.daykimball.org/cancercare](http://www.daykimball.org/cancercare).

To learn more about women's health services at Day Kimball Healthcare, visit [www.daykimball.org/women](http://www.daykimball.org/women).

### **About Day Kimball Healthcare**

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare At Home, and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is [www.daykimball.org](http://www.daykimball.org).

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