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**Day Kimball Healthcare Celebrates Life with Cancer Survivors  
*Michelle Donahue, Hematology-Oncology Manager, Honored***

PUTNAM, CONN. (Oct. 7, 2021) – More than 160 cancer survivors and their families attended Day Kimball Healthcare’s (DKH) Cancer Survivors Day on Sunday, September 12 at Roseland Park in Woodstock.

The celebration featured music by the Extraordinary Rendition Band from Providence, Rhode Island which provided an upbeat atmosphere where those who are currently fighting cancer and those who are survivors, along with their families, celebrated the power of music and support in healing.

Guests enjoyed the ambiance of Roseland Lake, ice cream provided by the Deary Brothers, beer & wine by Pomfret Spirits, a barbecue lunch by the Putnam Lions Club, and a blessing by Day Kimball Healthcare’s Reverend Jonathan Scott. The event was made possible through the hard work of DKH’s Oncology/Hematology staff and the generous support of the community.

“This event recognizes survivors and families for their courage and supports them in their efforts to return to a happy and fulfilling life,” said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. “It’s an opportunity to celebrate not just the survivors, but also our compassionate and skilled staff in the Rose Bove LaRose Cancer Center at Day Kimball Hospital who all work together to provide the best possible care to our patients and their families throughout their cancer journey.”

At the event, Michelle Donahue, hematology-oncology manager at Day Kimball Hospital, was presented with the Unsung Hero Award in grateful recognition of her outstanding dedication, service, and leadership to DKH’s Oncology program.

Donahue, who began her career at DKH in 2015, has continuously demonstrated her dedication and commitment to the hematology-oncology department and its patients. In her role as hematology-oncology manager, she works closely with a multidisciplinary team including board certified hematologists-oncologists, certified oncology nurses, and nurse navigators to ensure every patient receives the best care and support possible during their cancer treatment.

“Michelle has always been an exceptionally bright nurse,” said Sharon Bell, hematology-oncology clinical coordinator, Day Kimball Hospital. “With the time and effort she puts into our Cancer Center, you would never know that she has her own family – a two year old son and newborn twins – to tend to when she gets home. For all of this and so much more, Michelle is an undeniable asset.”

Over the past year, Donahue has gone above and beyond the duties of her position. “Michelle has had the foresight and intelligence to take on her leadership role during a time of uncertainty and change. She stepped up and rebuilt our team through her hard work, dedication and in-depth knowledge of the standards we need to maintain our accreditation,” added Bell.

For more information about cancer care at Day Kimball Healthcare visit [www.daykimball.org/cancercare](http://www.daykimball.org/cancercare).

**About Day Kimball Healthcare**

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system composed 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 employs 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).