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## **Day Kimball Healthcare Names Jennifer Bray, Certified Nursing Assistant, Employee of the Month for December**

PUTNAM, CONN. (Dec. 28, 2020) – Jennifer Bray, certified nursing assistant (CNA) in the ambulatory care unit at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, has been named employee of the month for December by Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH).

Bray, who has been a CNA for 16 years at a local nursing home, began working on the medical/surgical unit at Day Kimball Hospital in 2005. In her current role as a CNA in the ambulatory care unit, Bray is responsible for assisting nursing staff with patient care before and after their procedures and surgeries, in addition to ensuring the unit runs smoothly and efficiently.

According to Bray's supervisor, Linda Gervasio, operations coordinator in the ambulatory care unit at Day Kimball Hospital, "Jen is dependable, hardworking and conscientious. She goes above and beyond to ensure that the needs of patients and families are met. She is a pleasure to work with and our ambulatory care unit is lucky to have her on our team."

"During her time on the medical/surgical unit, Jen provided superior patient care and support to the department staff. Her communication in daily observation of patient and unit needs allowed us to provide excellent care and a positive patient experience to patients on the unit," shared Bray's former supervisor, Deb Blackmer, clinical manager in the medical/surgical department at Day Kimball Hospital.

In response to being named employee of the month, Bray said, "I was truly honored to be named employee of the month by my peers. I work with such a wonderful group of people throughout the hospital." When asked what she likes most about her job, she said, "I love taking care of patients and working with such great people."

In 2004, Bray received her CNA certification from Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, Connecticut. She was born in New London, Connecticut and grew up in the southeastern region of the state. Bray currently resides in Plainfield, Connecticut with her husband John and their three children Alexander, Madison, and Johnathan III.

Day Kimball Healthcare's employee of the month program is sponsored by Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut. "The Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation and Foxwoods Resort Casino has been focused on taking care of the people that serve within our community, and we appreciate everything Day Kimball Healthcare does," said Foxwood's Director of Sponsorships and Partnerships Roy Colebut-Ingram. "Supporting meaningful employee recognition programs like that at DKH is just one way that we feel we can express our appreciation."

### **About Day Kimball Healthcare**

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