

DKH DAY KIMBALL HEALTHCARE

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Day Kimball Healthcare Receives Gold-Level Recognition for Promoting Organ Donation



PUTNAM, CONN. (August 7, 2019) – Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) has received gold-level recognition from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for promoting enrollment in state organ donor registries as part of a national campaign.

"We are honored to have been recognized by HRSA with this gold-level achievement for our participation and cultivation of a culture that incorporates educating and registering donors as a standard part of our mission to improve the health and wellbeing of the community by providing the best medical care," said Anne Diamond, president and CEO, Day Kimball Healthcare.

DKH partnered with LifeChoice Donor Services, the area's local designated organ procurement organization, to conduct awareness and registry campaigns that educated staff, patients, visitors and community members on the critical need for organ, eye and tissue donors, thereby increasing the number of potential donors in the state's donation registry.

These efforts were part of HRSA's National Workplace Partnership for Life Hospital Organ Donation Campaign to raise awareness and register donors with hospital facilities and their communities which Day Kimball Hospital has participated in for nearly 10 years.

Day Kimball Hospital is among 1,200 other hospitals partaking in this national initiative. Since the campaign began in 2011, more than 443,000 people across the country have added their names to state registries. In CT, there are a total of 1,363,433 people registered as organ, eye, and tissue donors which represents 46% of the state's license and identification holders.

"Day Kimball Hospital has always encouraged registering as an organ and tissue donor," said Chas MacKenzie, Director of Donation Development, New England Donor Services. "In the last two years alone, the Hospital supported 14 families whose loved ones gave the gift of life through donation. The Day Kimball staff are remarkable in providing for our community's health care needs and that includes the heroes who are donor families. There are 1,228 Connecticut residents waiting for a lifesaving transplant today, and many more who need tissues to see again, walk again, and return to healthier living. It is an honor to work with such a strong community partner in this life saving mission."

In order to register as an organ and tissue donor in Connecticut, residents can visit the Department of Motor Vehicles or can sign up online at www.daykimball.org/donate-life.

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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 and Putnam, Day Kimball HomeCare, Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Conn., Day Kimball HomeMakers, and Day Kimball Medical Group. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,100 employees including nearly 300 associated, highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is www.daykimball.org.

PHOTO CAPTION: (l. to r.): Chas MacKenzie, Director of Donation Development, New England Donor Services presents Anne Diamond, president and CEO, Day Kimball Healthcare and John O'Keefe, Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President of Patient Services, Day Kimball Healthcare with a gold-level recognition certificate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration for promoting enrollment in state organ donor registries as part of a national campaign at Day Kimball Hospital in July.