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Day Kimball Healthcare's Cruise, BBQ and Brew Raises Over \$27,000 for NECT Cancer Fund of DKH

PUTNAM, CONN. (Sept. 14, 2021) – Day Kimball Healthcare's (DKH) Cruise, BBQ & Brew – a motorcycle and car cruise – was held on Sunday, August 15 and raised over \$27,000 to benefit the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH.

Over 200 motorcyclists and classic car enthusiasts joined in for memorial laps around the Thompson Speedway's 1.7 mile course, followed by a scenic ride that covered over 40 miles throughout beautiful Northeast Connecticut. This year's event concluded at the Black Dog Bar and Grille in Putnam where participants convened for a delicious BBQ lunch.

Many joined in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one. This annual event allows for riders to commemorate their loved one by including their name in a special memorial tribute during memorial laps at the track.

"Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our riders, cruisers, volunteers and sponsors, this event keeps growing, bringing greater awareness of DKH's mission and of our efforts to support patients in their fight against cancer," said Kristen Willis, director of development, Day Kimball Healthcare. "We were overwhelmed with gratitude by the number of people that came out in support of our cancer patients, not only from our local service area, but from across the state and beyond who understand the importance of what we're doing."

"People choose to receive their cancer care at DKH not only because it is convenient, but because of the high-quality and compassionate approach our team gives each of our patients and their caregivers," said Kyle Kramer, chief executive officer, Day Kimball Healthcare. "With the proceeds from this annual event, we are able to continue to provide financial assistance for cancer-related screening and treatment services to those battling cancer in our community who otherwise may not have the financial resources to pay for needed medical care."

Organized by DKH's Cruisin' for Cancer Care Committee, this 17th annual event was sponsored by: SPIROL International, presenting sponsor; major sponsors Waste Innovations, Centreville Bank, and the Robert Family Charitable Fund; and host sponsors Thompson Speedway and the Black Dog Bar & Grille.

To date Cruisin' for Cancer Care has contributed over \$163,000 to the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH. To learn more about the Northeast Connecticut Cancer Fund of DKH, visit daykimball.org/nectcancerfund.

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.