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**Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital Pledge Supports Burdick Family Birthing Center Renovations**

PUTNAM, CONN. (Dec. 11, 2019) –The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital (DKH) is working to fulfill a three-year, \$200,000 pledge, in support of room renovations to the Hospital's Burdick Family Birthing Center.

To date, the Woman's Board has raised \$80,000 towards the pledge. Funds for this commitment are raised through the gift shop at Day Kimball Hospital and various fundraisers sponsored by the Woman's Board.

The Birthing Center renovation project began in October 2018 and has already provided aesthetic updates to eleven patient rooms including new counter tops, privacy curtains, sleep couches and rocking chairs, artwork from local artists, and more.

Members of the Woman's Board gathered in the Birthing Center on Wednesday, November 6 for a first look at the room renovations. "Our more than 200 members are proud to support the renovations and other programs to help our hospital provide the best health care possible," said Valentine Iamartino, president, Woman's Board of DKH.

"We are extremely grateful to the Woman's Board and every donor of this important project," said Kristen Willis, development director, Day Kimball Healthcare. "The Birthing Center is a destination for area parents who want to deliver their babies in a modern facility with amenities and conveniences to make the experience unforgettable."

Established when Day Kimball Hospital opened in 1894, the Woman's Board has served the hospital and community in multiple ways for well over a century.

"DKH has counted on the generosity of its community since 1894, enabling us to invest in our facilities, medical equipment and technology to improve overall patient experience and outcomes," said Joseph Adiletta, interim president, Day Kimball Healthcare. "The Woman's Board has been closely aligned with the hospital for 125 years, always stepping in when DKH has a need."

The Woman's Board has raised more than \$1.5 million for numerous projects at the Hospital. The Board recently completed a \$40,000 pledge to update a BabySafe Monitoring System for the Maternal Child Health department located within the Hospital's Birthing Center.

"Helping our hospital grow and increase its services to our community is our main priority," said Iamartino. "The value of having a nationally-recognized health facility in our back yard is immeasurable."

To learn more about all of Day Kimball Healthcare's maternal child health services and other women's health services visit [www.daykimball.org/women](http://www.daykimball.org/women).

For more information about the Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital visit [www.daykimball.org/womansboard](http://www.daykimball.org/womansboard).

### **About Day Kimball Healthcare**

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit, 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 employs more than 1,100 people including nearly 300 associated, highly-skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is [www.daykimball.org](http://www.daykimball.org).

**PHOTO CAPTION:** Members of The Woman's Board of Day Kimball Hospital gathered with Rachel Katsoulis, nurse manager of the Maternal Child Health department, and Kristen Willis, director of development, Day Kimball Healthcare, in the Burdick Family Birthing Center at Day Kimball Hospital on Wednesday, November 6 for a first look at several room renovations supported by the Board's \$200,000 pledge.



**(l to r):** Kim Lecuyer, treasurer, Woman's Board; Rachel Katsoulis, nurse manager of the Maternal Child Health department, Day Kimball Hospital; Wanda Mino, vice president, Woman's Board; Denise Baum, Woman's Board member; Arlene Baril, Woman's Board member; Deb Cornman, Woman's Board member; Heidi Hare, assistant treasurer, Woman's Board; Nancy Dziki, past president, Woman's Board; Linnea Sarantopoulos, Woman's Board member; Denise Archambault, corresponding secretary, Woman's Board; Cheryl Medlyn, Woman's Board member; Kristen Willis, development director, Day Kimball Healthcare and Woman's Board member; Valentine Iamartino, president, Woman's Board.

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