

OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center announces Daisy Award winner

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ALTON - As a partner in the international DAISY Award program that recognizes the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care of nurses, OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center recently awarded its quarterly DAISY Award to Jennifer Leamon.

Jennifer, a registered nurse who works in the Surgery, was nominated by a patient's family at OSF Saint Anthony's. She was one of 23 nominations received for the fourth quarter. "We truly appreciate the compassionate, merciful care that RNs provide every day and the Daisy Award is one way to recognize these dedicated individuals," said Colleen Becker, Vice President Chief Nursing Officer for OSF Saint Anthony's.

Jennifer has been with OSF Saint Anthony's since 1997. In one of the comments received from the family, Jennifer was described as very "caring and compassionate".

The family stated, “My daughter had her first surgery and she was very anxious, which made me (her mother) anxious. Jennifer made sure when my daughter was in recovery to call me and inform me of my daughter’s condition. Her keeping me informed and up-to-date was a blessing and helped relieve my anxiety.”

The DAISY Award program can be found in over 2,000 healthcare facilities in all 50 states and 14 other countries. An acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System, The DAISY Foundation was formed in November, 1999, by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). During Pat’s 8 week hospitalization, his family experienced the best in nursing care and compassion provided not only to Pat but to everyone in his family. So one of the goals they set in creating a foundation in Pat’s memory was to recognize extraordinary nurses and to thank them for the gifts nurses give their patients and families every day, just as they had experienced. For additional information about the DAISY Foundation visit www.daisyfoundation.org.