

DAISY Award Program For Extraordinary Nurses Will Be Offered By Anderson Hospital

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MARYVILLE - The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses has been adopted by healthcare facilities around the world to celebrate nurses for their extraordinary care and compassion. Anderson Hospital is proud to now offer this outstanding program! We thought it fitting to launch our program on the first day of National Nurses Week – a celebration that recognizes the extraordinary, compassionate care nurses provide patients and families every day.



**HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES**

Patients, families and colleagues may nominate nurses by sharing stories and submitting examples of how they were so special. Awards are presented throughout the year at celebrations attended by the Honoree's colleagues, patients, and visitors. Each Honoree

receives a certificate commending her/him as an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Honorees also receive a DAISY Award pin and a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Doctor of Humane Letters (h.c) and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human, extraordinary, compassionate work they do. The kind of work the nurses are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

"We are proud to be among the healthcare organizations participating in The DAISY Award program," said Lisa Spencer, Anderson Hospital Chief Nursing and Chief Operating Officer. "Nurses are heroes every day. It is important that our nurses know their work is highly valued. The DAISY Foundation provides one way for us to recognize them."

In addition to the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 5,000 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition of Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nurses Advancing Health Equity, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, Medical Mission Grants and their new Health Equity Grant programs. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.