

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses

About The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation was established in 2000 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died of complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. (DAISY is an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system.) During Pat's 8 week hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses 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 everywhere who make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people by the super-human work they do everyday.

What Is The DAISY Award?

The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurses everyday. The VCU Health System is proud to be a DAISY Award Hospital Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor every month.

To find out more about the program, including the growing list of Hospital Partners, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org.

Each DAISY Award Honoree will be recognized at a public ceremony in her/his unit and will receive: a beautiful certificate, a DAISY Award pin, and a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled A Healer's Touch. Additionally, every one in the unit will celebrate with Cinnabon[®] cinnamon rolls – a favorite of Patrick's during his illness. The Barnes Family asks that whenever and wherever nurses smell that wonderful cinnamon aroma, they stop for a moment and think about how special they are.

How To Nominate An Extraordinary Nurse

Patients, visitors, nurses, physicians, employees may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out this form and placing it in a DAISY nomination box located throughout the health system or by mailing to: DAISY Award, P.O. Box 985800, Richmond, VA 23298. An electronic version for hospital employees is available on the VCU Intranet or www.vcuhealth.org/nursing.

NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate _____ from the _____ unit/department as a deserving recipient of **The DAISY Award**. This nurse's clinical skill and especially her/his compassionate care exemplify the kind of nurse that our patients, their families, and our staff recognize as an outstanding role model. She/he consistently meets the majority of the following criteria:

- *Provides compassionate care to patients and families*
- *Is kind and sincere*
- *Is passionate about life*
- *Makes a significant difference*
- *Works well with others*

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an extraordinary nurse for this award. Please tell us about yourself, so that we may include you in the celebration of this award should the nurse you nominated is chosen.

Your Name _____ Unit _____
Phone _____ Email _____ Pager _____

I am a (please check one): Patient Family/Visitor Volunteer
Hospital Employee (Title) _____

Date of nomination _____

Manager Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that this nurse is in good standing.

Signed: _____ Title _____

Nominations received by the 15th of the month will be considered for the following month's **DAISY Award**.

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Complete this form on the next page...