

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. [Hospital Name] is proud to be a DAISY Award Hospital Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor every month or quarter.

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 submitting it to the Staff Development Office. An electronic version for hospital employees is available on the Mercy Hospital intranet.

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 all of the following criteria:

- Provides extraordinary care & compassion
- Practices the principles of Relationship Based Care and the Trinity Guiding Behaviors
- Behavior supports a culture of teamwork
- Positive attitude influences other associates
- Initiates and/or supports the implementation of creative improvements

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 (please check one): RN Patient Family/Visitor
MD Staff Volunteer

Date of nomination _____

DAISY Awards will be awarded quarterly in March, June, September and December. Nominations, in order to be considered, must be received - by the 15th of those months.

Please submit this nomination to Kathy Zelinsky, Professional Practice or drop it in the DAISY nomination box inside the Cafeteria.. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Zelinsky at ext 80424.

To nominate an individual, please complete the form on the next page.

