About The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 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 every day.

What is The DAISY Award?

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurses everyday. Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor three times a year (January, May, September).

To find out more about the program, including the growing list of Partners, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org.
The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses

How to Nominate an Extraordinary Nurse

Patients, visitors, nurses, physicians, and employees may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out this form and placing it in one of the boxes marked “DAISY Award” which can be found at numerous locations throughout the hospital. This form may also be emailed to acosme@lifespan.org. An electronic version is also available on the Lifespan intranet and website, www.Lifespan.org.

DAISY Award Nomination Criteria

Qualifications/Eligibility

- Any Registered Nurse who has been employed by Bradley Hospital for the past 6 months and currently practices in a clinical patient care setting.
- Obtains an excellent performance evaluation by nurse manager/supervisor.

The DAISY criterion incorporates the IOM six aims of safety, patient-centeredness, effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, and equity. These aims have been embraced by Bradley Hospital to ensure the best care possible.

Must exemplify at least three of the following criteria:

- Demonstrates the importance of communication in the delivery of quality and safe patient care as evident by active assertive communication and patient advocacy with colleagues on the interdisciplinary team.
- Demonstrates commitment to the development and implementation of organizational goals, priorities, and strategies as evidenced by Committee, council, or project involvement.
- Promotes safety and quality patient care by contributing to committees at the local, state, and/or national level.
- Implements current evidence based practice by researching best practices, developing policy based on these, and developing educational material for patients & families, and/or colleagues.
- Promotes, designs, develops, and implements patient safety and quality initiatives or programs such as assuring that restraint/seclusion are never used unless all other measures have failed.
- Initiates or participates in research directed toward advancement of clinical practice and nurses sensitive outcomes of care.
- Demonstrates excellence in the delivery of individualized patient care based on knowledge, expertise, and development of relationships with patients and families that promote trust and are healing in nature.
- Advocates for patients and families by participation in professional organizations, local, state, and/or national initiatives, boards, etc.

Criteria and qualification will be validated by the DAISY Council. Winner will be selected by the DAISY Council.

NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate

from ____________ (Unit/Dept.) as a deserving recipient of THE DAISY Award.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an extraordinary nurse for this award. Please tell us about yourself.

Name ___________________________ Unit _____
Phone ___________________________
Email ___________________________

I am (please check one): RN ____ Patient _____
Family/Visitor ____ MD ____ Staff ____
Volunteer/Intern _____
Date of Nomination __________________

Please describe a situation involving the nurse you are nominating that clearly demonstrates he/she meets the criteria for The DAISY Award and check off the qualities listed below:

☐ Makes self available
☐ Offers assistance before being asked
☐ Anticipates patient needs
☐ Goes beyond assignment
☐ Consistently presents in a positive, helpful manner

If more space is needed, please feel free to utilize an additional sheet.

**Nominations will be accepted up to 2 weeks before the scheduled Award presentation. Dates of presentations will be emailed and posted throughout hospital.****