

# The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses

## 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 eight-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 every day. West Florida Healthcare is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing our nurses with this special honor on a quarterly basis.

To find out more about the program, including the growing list of Partners, please go to [www.DAISYfoundation.org](http://www.DAISYfoundation.org).



Nominate A Nurse for  
**The DAISY Award**



DAISY Award honorees personify West Florida Healthcare's remarkable patient experience. These nurses consistently demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and extraordinary compassionate care, and they are recognized as outstanding role models in our nursing community.



Each DAISY Award Honoree will be recognized at a public ceremony in her/his unit and will receive:

- Certificate
- DAISY Award pin
- Hand-carved stone sculpture entitled "A Healer's Touch"

Additionally, everyone 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 and employees may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out this form and submitting it to Nursing Administration or Human Resources. An electronic version is also available at [www.westfloridahospital.com](http://www.westfloridahospital.com)

## NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the  
\_\_\_\_\_ unit/department  
as a deserving recipient of **The DAISY Award**.

This nurse exhibits three or more of the following traits:

- Outstanding service
- Commitment to excellence
- Exceptional patient and family educator
- Patient advocate
- Positive attitude
- Extraordinary clinical skills
- Champion team player
- Excellent assessment and decision-making skills
- Accomplished mentor/preceptor

Please describe how your nominee demonstrates three of the above standards:

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Thank you for nominating 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 be chosen.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

I am (please check one): RN \_\_\_ Patient \_\_\_

Family/Visitor \_\_\_ MD \_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_

Volunteer \_\_\_ Date of nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Manager Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that this nurse is in good standing.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

