



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 everyday.

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. Lawrence Memorial Hospital is proud to be a **DAISY Award Partner**, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor every quarter.

To find out more about the program, including the growing list of 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, 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, employees may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out this form and dropping it in any **DAISY** boxes. Nominations can also be mailed to: Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Attn: DAISY Coordinator, Admin. Office, 325 Maine St., Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses

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:

- Establishes a special connection with patients and their families through trust and emotional support.
- Has a positive attitude and demonstrates professionalism at work.
- Demonstrates excellent interpersonal skills with peers and co-workers.
- Collaborates with the health care team to meet patients' needs.
- Is a colleague in good standing.
- Job performance exemplifies the mission, vision, and values of LMH and the Nursing Division.
- Models excellent assessment skills and decision making capabilities.

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 if the nurse you nominate is chosen.

Your Name _____

Unit _____

Phone _____ Pager _____

Email _____

I am (please check one): RN Patient Family/Visitor
 Physician Staff Volunteer

Date of nomination _____

Nominations received after the deadline for the current quarter will be considered for the following quarter's **DAISY Award**.

