The DAISY Award®
FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES
HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
DAISY Award Nomination Form

The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Award is an international recognition program that honors and celebrates the skillful, compassionate care nurses provide every day. The DAISY Foundation was established by the family of J. Patrick Barnes after he died from complications of the autoimmune disease immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) in 1999. During his hospitalization, they deeply appreciated the care and compassion shown to Patrick and his entire family. When he died, they felt compelled to say "thank you" to nurses in a very public way. Please say thank you by sharing your story of how a nurse made a difference you will never forget!

Our DAISY Award honorees demonstrate VA's ICARE principles. They also demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and compassionate care. They are recognized as role models in our nursing community. VA Pittsburgh is proud to be a DAISY Award partner.

I would like to nominate

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First name Last name

Name of unit or clinic_____

as a deserving recipient of The DAISY Award. This nurse's clinical skills and especially her/his compassionate care exemplify the kind of nurse that our Veterans, their families and our staff recognize as an outstanding role model.

Please describe a specific situation or story that clearly demonstrates how this nurse made a meaningful difference in your or a loved one's care or the care of another Veteran at VA Pittsburgh. To be eligible, **you must write at least 100 words** and **give specific examples** of outstanding care. (You may use additional sheets of paper.)

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Some examples of how nurses may qualify for this award:

- Provided compassionate care and demonstrated a caring attitude in all situations.
- Made a special connection with me and/or my family.
- Had a positive attitude and demonstrated professionalism in the work environment.
- Significantly affected my care, my stay, my visit, my clinical outcome and/or my patient experience.
- Went above and beyond to meet my expectations.
- Demonstrated excellent clinical skills.
- Included me and my family in education and discharge preparation, answering all my questions in a way I/we could understand.

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 be chosen.

Nominator's Information

I am (please check one):

☐ Veteran ☐ Nurse ☐ Staff
☐ Family or Visitor ☐ MD ☐ Volunteer

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Your first name Your last name

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(OPTIONAL) Your phone number Your email address

Your hospital ward, unit or clinic _____

Date of nomination _____

Consent agreement

☐ I agree to have my name published as the nominator of the DAISY Award

☐ I do not want my name shared.

Submit completed form

Please give completed form to a clinic or unit secretary or send/email it to the address listed below.

Nominate online by scanning QR code or go to: www.daisynomination.org/VAPHS

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