



The Charge Nurse/Team Leader DAISY Award For Extraordinary CHARGE Nurses/Nurse TEAM LEADERS

What is the Charge Nurse DAISY Award?

The Charge Nurse DAISY Award complements the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center's DAISY Award program that honors individual direct care nurses for their extraordinary compassion and skill in the charge nurse role.

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 auto-immune disease 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.

This DAISY Charge Nurse/Team Leader Award recognizes nurses who are extraordinary in the impact they have on compassionate patient care. Honorees can be any Charge Nurse/Nurse Team Leader who impacts patient care directly by demonstrating the VA's ICARE principles. This Charge Nurse/Team Leader also impacts staff and/or the patient care they help manage by:

- Role modeling extraordinary behavior
- Creating an environment where attributes of trust, compassion, mutual respect, continued professional development and ethical behavior are modeled and supported
- Motivating staff with a shared vision and enthusiasm to achieve better outcomes for themselves and for their patients
- Is a mentor to staff
- Is accessible, available, and responsive to the needs of others, encouraging critical thinking and problem solving
- Promoting and enhancing the image of nursing within the organization

Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center is proud to be a DAISY Award partner and will recognize one of our extraordinary Charge Nurses/Team Leaders with this special honor every 6 months. Each Charge Nurse/Team Leader DAISY Award Honoree will be recognized at a public ceremony on her/his unit, and will receive:

- A beautiful certificate in a DAISY Foundation portfolio
- A Healer's Touch statue and DAISY leader pin

In addition, their clinic/unit will celebrate with cinnamon rolls – a favorite of Patrick's. The Barnes family asks that whenever nurses smell that wonderful cinnamon aroma, they stop for a moment and think about how special they are.

How to Nominate an Extraordinary Charge Nurse/Team Leader:

Nurses, physicians, and other employees may fill out the nomination form on the back of this page and submit to the Nursing Excellence Office, Room TRL 21.

Please send completed form to the address listed below:

Beth Hammer, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, Program Manager for Nursing Excellence, TRL 21
5000 W. National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53295
Email: beth.hammer@va.gov

To find out more about the DAISY program, including the growing list of partners, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org

Nomination Form for Extraordinary CHARGE Nurse/TEAM LEADER

I would like to nominate _____ from the _____ unit/department for the Charge Nurse/Team Leader DAISY Award for Extraordinary Charge Nurses/Team Leaders.
Please describe how this Nurse has demonstrated at least one of these ICARE principles:

- **Integrity:** Maintains the trust and confidence of all with whom they engage.
- **Commitment:** Serves Veterans and their families by honoring the VA's mission.
- **Advocacy:** Truly focuses on serving the Veteran.
- **Respect:** Provides dignity and respect to everyone they serve and encounter.
- **Excellence:** Strives for the highest quality and continuous improvement.

Please include how the nominee demonstrated the following professional behaviors:

- ☼ Role modeling extraordinary behavior
- ☼ Creating an environment where attributes of trust, compassion, mutual respect, continued professional development and ethical behavior are modeled and supported
- ☼ Motivating staff with a shared vision and enthusiasm to achieve better outcomes for themselves and for their patients
- ☼ Is a mentor to staff
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- ☼ Promoting and enhancing the image of nursing within the organization

Please note that the details you provide will be scored as part of the evaluation process. Please provide as much detail as possible to help the DAISY Committee in its selection (may attach additional pages as needed, not to exceed 2 typed pages).

Thank you for taking the time to nominate this extraordinary Charge Nurse/Team Leader. Please provide your contact information so we can confirm our receipt of the nomination and if we need to seek clarification on the nomination.

Date of nomination: _____
 Your Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email address: _____
 Title/Role: _____ Work Location: _____