



The DAISY Team Award

For Extraordinary Nurse Led Teams

What is the DAISY Team Award?

The DAISY Team 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. **The team must be led by a direct-care nurse.**

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33, from complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP). During his eight week hospital stay, his family was impressed by the care and compassion his nurses provided, not only to him but to everyone in the family. They created the DAISY Award in Pat's memory to recognize those nurses who make a big difference in the lives of so many people.

The DAISY Team Award is a concept brought to us by DAISY Award Partner Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. It recognizes that while an idea to achieve better patient and family outcomes may start with one individual, it often takes an entire team to implement successfully. The DAISY Team Award is designed to honor collaboration by two or more people, led by a direct care nurse, who identify and meet patient and/or patient family needs by going above and beyond the traditional role of Nursing.

Our DAISY Team Award honorees demonstrate the VA's ICARE principles. They also demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and compassionate care. They are recognized as role models in our caregiver community.

Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center is proud to be a DAISY Team Award partner and will recognize one of our nurse led teams with this special honor every year. Each DAISY Team 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 customized plaque to be hung in a prominent location

In addition, their clinic/unit will celebrate with Cinnabon® 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 Nurse Led Team

Patients, families, visitors, nurses, physicians, and other employees may fill out the nomination form on the back of this page and submit to any clinic/unit secretary.

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

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the nurse led team _____ from the _____ unit/department for The DAISY Team Award for Extraordinary Nurse Led Teams.

Please describe the team, the projects, and the outcomes in which the nurse led team 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.

Entries will also be evaluated on improved outcomes, support of the VA’s nursing vision, support of the VA’s Mission/Vision/Values, problem solving, and team work. 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.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate this extraordinary nurse led team. 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: _____

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

(If staff, please provide Title: _____ Work Location: _____)

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