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**Want to say**

**“Thank You”**

**to a Nurse?**

…Nominate them for a DAISY Award!

James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center

Mailbox: **DAISY Nominations**

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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. To learn more, visit [**DAISYFoundation.org**](http://www.DAISYFoundation.org)

If your life has also been touched by an extraordinary Nurse, please take this opportunity to tell us about your experience. The DAISY Nursing Recognition Program’s goal is to recognize and encourage compassionate and dedicated care among VA Nurses. To say “Thank You” in a special way, you may nominate a VA Nurse for a DAISY Award, by completing this DAISY Nomination Form. Please share your story of how a VA Nurse made a difference in your healthcare!



Place

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**To nominate a nurse:** Patients, family and visitors may recognize/thank a deserving Nurse by completing this **DAISY Nomination Form** and delivering it into the front desk of your nearest facility; **mailing** this form in by USPS; submitting an *e-*nomination **online** via the “DAISY Nomination**”** link on AltoonaVA.gov; or scanning/attaching file in an **email** to: *VHAALTDAISYNOM@va.gov*. This email address may also be used to contact the DAISY Program Coordinator, if you have questions.

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**You can also nominate a Nurse using this QR Code!**

***Thank you for taking the time to recognize an extraordinary VA Nurse!***

**CRITERIA**:

**DAISY** **Nominations** are for nurses only [ie. Nurse Practitioners **(NP)**, Registered Nurses **(RN)**, or Licensed Practical Nurses **(LPN),** APN, CNS, CRNA, etc.]

* Only nominate ONE nurse per **DAISY** **Nomination Form** (submissions that list multiple nurses on same formwill not be eligible for consideration for an award)
* Nominations should include a specific example of how the nurse you are nominating met one or more of the **I-CARE Values** *(see below):*

**- Integrity:** Acts with high moral principle. Adheres to the highest professional standards. Maintains the trust and confidence of all whom they engage.

**- Commitment:** Works diligently to serve Veterans and other beneficiaries. Driven by an earnest belief in the VA’s mission. Fulfills individual and organizational

 responsibilities.

**- Advocacy:** Is truly Veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering, and appropriately advancing the interests of Veterans and other beneficiaries.

**- Respect:** Treats all those that they serve, and those with whom they work, with dignity and respect. Shows respect to earn it.

**- Excellence:** Strives for the highest quality and continuous improvement. Thoughtful and decisive in leadership, accountable for their actions, willing to

admit mistakes and rigorous in correcting them.

**\*Nurse’s First & Last Name:** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Unit/Clinic they work in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***\*Please provide a detailed description of how this nurse demonstrates the VA’s I-CARE Values and why you are nominating them for a DAISY Award:***

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**DAISY Award Nomination for an Extraordinary Nurse**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** *(optional)*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Email** *(optional)*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(check one) ❒ Patient ❒ Family ❒ Visitor **\***Would you like to be notified if the nurse you nominated is selected to receive the DAISY Award? **❒ Yes / ❒ No**

*Revised: 7/5/19*