



IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

DAISY Award Honorees personify Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center's remarkable patient experience. These nurses consistently demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and extraordinary compassionate care, and they are recognized as outstanding role models in our nursing community.

## 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 the diseases attacking the immune system.) During Pat's 8 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. Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor every other month. To find out more about the program, including the growing list of Partners, please go to [www.DAISYfoundation.org](http://www.DAISYfoundation.org).

Each DAISY Award Honoree will be recognized at a public ceremony in his/her 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, or employees may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out a nomination form and placing it in the nomination boxes available throughout the hospital. An electronic version will also be available below. You can email or mail directly to Tammy Billings (contact information below).

*If you have any questions, please contact, Tammy Billings at (812) 996-0154 or [tbilling@mhhcc.org](mailto:tbilling@mhhcc.org).*

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