

## The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the Barnes family in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. Like many families who go through this kind of loss, the Barnes family wanted to find a way to turn their grief into something positive and honor the special man Patrick was.

After Pat's death, the family came up with DAISY — an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. Having been touched by the remarkable care, clinical skills and compassion demonstrated by nurses during Patrick's illness, the Barnes family made it their mission to recognize exceptional nurses around the country. The Barnes Family believes nurses are unsung heroes of our society who deserve far more recognition and honor than they receive.

As a way to say thank you to nurses across the country, the family created The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. There are now more than 1,500 health care organizations in seven countries committed to honoring their nurses with The DAISY Award.

## The Healer's Touch

The nurse chosen to be honored with the DAISY Award receives the Healer's Touch sculpture. Each sculpture is hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe. The Foundation chose this beautiful design not only because it depicts the unique relationship nurses have with their patients, but also the Shona people hold their healers in a position of great importance to the community — similar to the way The DAISY Foundation and UnityPoint Health feel about nurses. DAISY has 14 artists working full-time, creating these beautiful works of art. With the money The DAISY Foundation pays, more than 500 people in the artists' extended families are supported.



# Thank a Nurse

## DAISY Award Nomination Form



UnityPoint Health  
St. Luke's Hospital

# Nomination Form

(Online entries accepted at: [unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/daisyaward](http://unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/daisyaward))



DAISY Award recipients personify our remarkable patient experience and our **Standards of Excellence:**

- Sense of Ownership
- Compassion
- Communication
- Commitment to Co-workers
- Positive Attitude
- Responsiveness

These individuals consistently demonstrate excellence through clinical expertise, extraordinary service and compassionate care. They are recognized as outstanding role models in the nursing community. They are true team members and positive role models, exhibiting outstanding communication skills and kindness with everything they do.

Please help us recognize nurses who make a difference in the lives of patients and families.

Thank you for taking the time to tell us your story and let someone know they made a difference.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nurse's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Department: (i.e.: ER, ICU, Surgery, etc.)  
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Your First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Best Way to Contact You: (Phone and/or Email)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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I am a:

- Co-Worker       Patient  
 Family Member       Volunteer  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe a situation or story involving the nurse you are nominating that clearly demonstrates he/she meets the criteria for the DAISY award. Feel free to use more paper, if needed.

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## Submitting this form:

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**Drop off:** at a nurse's station

**Online entries also accepted at:**

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Call (319) 369-7796 with questions.

