

FAQ's

What is The DAISY Award?

The DAISY foundation was created in 1999 by the family of Patrick Barnes after he died from an auto-immune illness. His family wanted to honor his memory. They vividly recalled the skillful and compassionate care Patrick received from his nurses during his eight-week hospitalization. The DAISY award is a way to say "thank you" to nurses everywhere by establishing a recognition program - The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses (The DAISY Award) - to honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day.

Who can be nominated to receive a DAISY Award?

Any nurse working in any area here at UMass Memorial Medical Center

How is a nurse chosen to receive The DAISY Award?

A DAISY Award is given to a deserving nurse each month. The DAISY Award was established to celebrate the extraordinary compassion nurses provide their patients and families every day. Patients/ families, colleagues, physicians, and other staff can nominate the nurses they think deserves recognition. The nominations tell a story of "extraordinary care and compassion" by the nurse. A committee of UMMMC nurses will choose the most deserving recipient from all the submissions.

How do you nominate a nurse for a DAISY Award?

Complete the paper or electronic nomination form. Return the form via mail, interoffice mail, drop in the DAISY box in the main lobby or ask a staff member

What are the benefits of receiving the DAISY Award?

Nurses are recognized for the work that they do and the impact that they have on patients everyday. The award and celebrations encourage compassionate care, promote caregiver and patient/family engagement and experience through meaningful recognition. In addition the recipient receives a DAISY pin, certificate, a healers touch statue, and discount for certification from ANCC.

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