



About the DAISY Award

DAISY Award recognitions honor the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers – from Nursing Student through Lifetime Achievement in Nursing.

The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation expresses gratitude to nurses with programs that recognize them for the extraordinary skillful, compassionate care they provide patients and families.

The DAISY Foundation, created to express gratitude by a family that experienced extraordinary nursing, is the leader in meaningful recognition of nurses. Everyone who is involved with DAISY, whether they are presenting the Awards, choosing Honorees, or coordinating the program, is an extension of this family and their expression of this gratitude.

Our expression of gratitude will help nurses always remember the unforgettable impact their care has on patients and families, inspiring nurses to provide extraordinary care not only with their brains but also with their hearts.

Why The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Faculty Was Created

If it were not for our nursing faculty, where would the nursing profession be? The co-founders of The DAISY Foundation, Bonnie and Mark Barnes, started giving this some thought in 2010 as the seeds of meaningful recognition through The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses program were spreading around the world. Serving on the DAISY Board at the time was Dr. Elizabeth Heyman, then Dean of the Galen College of Nursing in Cincinnati. At a Board meeting, she commented that “someone had to teach those nurses who took care of Patrick.” She was referring to the nurses whose compassionate care for their son, Patrick, so touched the Barnes family that they created a program to honor nurses for their above-and-beyond compassion. Dr. Heyman’s observation was an epiphany for Bonnie and Mark. Indeed, there must have been gifted faculty members who strongly influenced the care Patrick received. These special teachers deserved recognition, and so The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty was created. The intent was to honor nursing faculty who inspire their students to always remember that nursing is much more than tasks and technology. These faculty help ensure that the art as well as the science of nursing are brought to every patient experience.

The pressures on nursing faculty are numerous, yet their impact is powerful. Many students talk about hearing a professor’s or instructor’s voice in their ears even years after they have graduated. These dedicated nursing faculty members often do not receive appropriate recognition for the effect they have on their students, on patient care and on the professionalism of nursing.

The Faculty Award was created to recognize and celebrate the contributions faculty make to the future of nursing. It is our sincere hope that just as The DAISY Award for direct care nurses helps mitigate burnout and compassion fatigue, meaningful recognition of nursing faculty will help sustain faculty’s commitment to teaching our next generation of nurses. That is also why we have partnered with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, National League for Nursing, the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing and Sigma to issue several National Calls for Nurse Faculty Recognition to honor academic leaders responsible for preparing the nation’s nursing workforce.