DAISY Award Says Thank you, Again, to Our Nurses
Joanne Cottnair, RN
Family Maternity Center (FMC)

Joanne Cottnair received the DAISY Award during a Nov. 18 ceremony in the Family Maternity Center. She had a full complement of family, friends and colleagues to thank and congratulate her. Clockwise from top rt.: Joanne’s parents, husband, good friend and in-laws.

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Nominate a Nurse

Please look for nomination forms at nursing units, any of our volunteer desks, or online at evergreenhealth.com/daisy.

Joanne’s Nomination Story

“Joanne was our labor and delivery nurse. Due to some childhood experiences, I needed some special awareness and care to prevent another traumatic experience. Joanne read our birth plan and special needs, and upon first entering the room made it very clear that she understood our concerns and was going to do everything she could to support our physical and mental health during the labor and delivery process.

“Joanne was able to make a special connection with me since my husband was unable to attend the labor and birth. Throughout the entire process, she did her job while always maintaining an awareness of my emotional and physical needs – coming up with creative solutions such as covering the IV site with a baby hat and helping other caregivers who entered the room understand the environment. She even came back the next day on her lunch break to check on Mom and Baby and to meet the Dad and tell him about the birth. Joanne contributed to an amazing, positive birth experience. Her sensitivity, bedside manner and nursing skills were invaluable!”

– Emily

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the Barnes family in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died (at the age of 33) from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. 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.