DAISY Award Says Thank You to Our Q1 DAISY Nurses

Tammy’s Nomination Story

“I had the scariest, most intense week of my life after I received a diagnosis of lymphoma while being 27 weeks pregnant. I was really sick, and so much was happening, but my nurse Tammy was my guardian angel. She stayed right by my side during the procedure I had done, held my hand, encouraged me and helped me survive. When I was in the MRI struggling to breathe, she sat at my head and stroked my hair. I could not have done it without her. She also served as my advocate and helped keep me updated on my care plan. She even went out of her way to make my room more friendly so my three-year-old daughter wasn’t so scared to see ‘mommy sick’.

“I could not be more appreciative of all the small and big things Tammy did for me. She is a skilled nurse who works hard, and has the very best healing heart. I know I could not have made it without her.”

Tammy Wiatrowski, RN
Critical Care Unit (CCU)

Please look for DAISY nomination forms at nursing units, any of our volunteer desks, or online by clicking here.

Our DAISY Award recipients each sign a DAISY banner, adding their signatures to those of previous DAISY winners. The banners move from department to department, a visual reminder of the exceptional care our nurses provide – in every area of our organization.

The EvergreenHealth Auxiliary supports DAISY at EvergreenHealth.

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.
Heather’s Nomination Story

“Almost nine months ago, my husband and I welcomed our daughter into our family at EvergreenHealth. We had some excellent nurses, but over these past several months, the exceptional nursing care provided by Heather continues to stick in my mind. As a nurse myself, I have heard the story of Patrick Barnes and his family several times when DAISY Awards are presented to nurses at the hospital where I work. When I reflect on my experience at EvergreenHealth, I think Heather is exactly the kind of nurse that the DAISY Award was intended to recognize. She exhibited not only excellent clinical practice but also exuded such compassion.

“My daughter was born at 12:28 a.m., so when Heather entered the room at 7 a.m. for safety checks, we were very sleepy new parents. I remember drowsily hearing her ask the off-going RN when my Foley bag was last emptied. I knew this was nurse code for “There is something wrong with urine in the bag.” I was too tired to really worry at that point, but Heather got to work emptying the urine bag and giving fluid boluses. As the morning progressed, she continued to carefully monitor my urine output and celebrated when my urine no longer looked like dark iced tea. My kidneys thank her for her astute observational skills and quick intervention.”

Laura’s Nomination Story

“Laura Brown was the RN case manager for a patient who was at our hospital for more than 60 days. Laura tirelessly worked toward the safest, most appropriate discharge, participating in care conferences, partnering with the interdisciplinary team and going to bat for her patient.

“The patient wasn’t able to return to her assisted living facility and needed specialized care as a result of her feeding tube. When the patient was refused admission at one facility, Laura went above and beyond, reaching out to the intake staff and providing the facility with detailed information pertaining to the feeding tube and its care. Ultimately, the patient was discharged to that facility – thanks to Laura’s persistence and willingness to go the extra mile for her patient.

“Laura’s dedication to her patient and the patient’s family resonated with her colleagues and facilitated the patient’s transfer to the best level of care, so the patient could continue her healing process in safety and with respect. This is but a single situation where Laura shone, demonstrating what it means to be a DAISY nurse.”