

About The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY (diseases attacking the immune system) Foundation was established in 1999, by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 of complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). The DAISY Foundation is dedicated to funding research to help fight diseases of the immune system, like the one that struck Patrick, and supporting ITP patients and their families. Having been touched by the remarkable care demonstrated by nurses during Patrick's illness, the Barnes family made it their mission to recognize exceptional nurses with the DAISY Award.

What is The DAISY Award?

The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that rewards **remarkable care, clinical skills and extraordinary compassion** in nursing. It is given to outstanding licensed nursing professionals in more than 1,000 health care facilities across the United States. Each DAISY Award recipient is recognized with a framed certificate and a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled "A Healer's Touch." Additionally, the recipient's team receives cinnamon rolls – a favorite of Patrick's during his illness – with the sentiment that the heavenly aroma will remind them how special they are and how important their work is.

How to nominate an extraordinary nurse

DAISY Award recipients personify the remarkable patient experience at Bakersfield Heart Hospital. Patients, family members, visitors, colleagues or physicians may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out this form. Visit bakersfieldheart.com to complete this form online.

Although we recognize that multiple nurses may have provided extraordinary care, we ask you only nominate the nurse who stood out the most.

We'd like to hear from you!

Please take a moment to tell us your story and share why you feel that your nurse should receive this great honor. On the following pages, we ask that you tell us your story about how the nurse you are nominating has demonstrated remarkable care through superior clinical skills and extraordinary compassion.

