

EXTRAORDINARY NURSES RECOGNIZED AT FRSIBIE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

March 3, 2009 (Rochester, NH) – Nurses at Frisbie Memorial Hospital are being honored with **The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses**. The award, presented in collaboration with The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform everyday.

Frisbie's February DAISY Award recipient is Coronary Care Unit registered nurse, Kathy Bowen who was nominated by Erin Welch, RN. Kathy was awarded The DAISY Award because she "always has compassion for the patients under her care. She once spent her extra time washing and combing out a patient's hair for almost an hour. It helped calm the patient. It was endearing and giving."

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, CA, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon autoimmune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Each month, a nurse will be nominated by staff. The DAISY Award Committee will then select from those nominated. During a brief ceremony, the honoree receives a certificate commending her or him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse," and is recognized with a pin. The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The honoree will also be given a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.



Registered Nurse, Kathy Bowen, was February DAISY Award recipient.

One day while Pat was in the hospital, he asked his family to bring him a Cinnabon cinnamon roll plus enough for all the nurses in his unit. With the help of Cinnabon's parent company, FOCUS Brands, The DAISY Foundation carries on this tradition by serving Cinnabons to all the nurses in the Award recipient's unit in thanks for everything they do for their patients and families.

Said Bonnie Barnes, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide acutely ill patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Frisbie are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

Said Vice President of Patient Care, Karen Dutcher, "We are proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes everyday. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides a way for us to do that."

This is one initiative of The DAISY Foundation whose overall goal is to help fight diseases of the immune system. Additionally, DAISY offers J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects and provides assistance to ITP support groups. More information is available on their website www.DAISYfoundation.org.

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