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Extraordinary Nurses Recognized at Dosher Memorial Hospital

SOUTHPORT – Nurses at Dosher Memorial Hospital will soon be honored with **The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses**®. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to recognize the extraordinary, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) 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.

Nurses may be nominated by patients, families, and colleagues. The award recipient is chosen by a committee at Dosher to receive The DAISY Award. Awards are presented throughout the year at celebrations attended by the Honoree's colleagues, patients, and visitors.

Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Doctor of Humane Letters (h.c) and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human, extraordinary, compassionate work
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they do. The kind of work the nurses at Doshier are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award.”

Said Doshier Chief Nursing Officer Catherine Mohr, “We are proud to be among the healthcare organizations participating in The DAISY Award program. Nurses go above and beyond every day. It’s important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides a way for us to do that.”

To nominate a nurse who has impacted your care or the care of a loved one at Doshier, go to Doshier.org/DAISY or call the Doshier Nursing Administration Office at 910-457-3950.

For more information about the DAISY Foundation, go <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

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