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### **THE DAISY FOUNDATION™ AND CAREISMATIC BRANDS ANNOUNCE FIRST HEALTH EQUITY GRANT RECIPIENTS**

June 30, 2021 (Glen Ellen, CA) – The DAISY Foundation™ is proud to announce the inaugural recipients of the DAISY Health Equity Grants. The funding of these grants is made possible thanks to Careismatic Brands, a long time DAISY Foundation partner, who generously raised funds for this new initiative through their [Tribute to Courage](#) project which honors the courageous work of the world's nurses, and sends a message of love, hope, and profound gratitude.

The DAISY Health Equity grants support the delivery of patient- and family-centered care by funding nursing research and Evidence Based Practice projects that address interventions to improve the health of people/families affected by social determinants of health. This funded work will contribute to the evidence base of interventions that improve the health outcomes of disadvantaged patients and families. Additionally, this work will support the needs of the community as assessed by the organizations where the principal investigators work.

In total, almost \$71,000 was awarded to fund the following grants:

- Exploring Social Determinants of Health and Vaccine Declination: Pilot Survey of Adults within a Safety Net Healthcare System; Primary Investigator, Nancy Blake, PhD, RN, CCRN-K, NHDP-BC, NEA-BC, FAAN from Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, CA.
- Prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus in Haitian Americans in the Northeast and Southeast Region of the United States; Primary Investigator, Balkys Bivins, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC and Natalia Cineas, DNP, APRN from NYC Health + Hospitals, New York City, New York.
- Improving Access to Equitable Healthcare with State-of-the-Art Technology in School-Located Immunization Clinics; Primary Investigator, Camilla Giallourakis, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC from Akron Children's Hospital, Akron, OH.

- Evaluating Progress and Gaps in Using a Care Coordination System to Address Social Determinants of Health; Primary Investigator, Marjorie Jenkins, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE from Cone Health, Greensboro, NC.
- Clinical Experiences of Racism Encountered by Black Women Seeking Non-Pregnancy Related Reproductive Healthcare; Primary Investigator, Melissa Lehan Mackin, PhD, RN from University of Iowa College of Nursing, Iowa City, IA.
- Feasibility of Home-Based Pulmonary Rehab Program to Increase Equitable Access to COPD Patients, Primary Investigator, Caitlin Tilley, BSN, RN, CEN, SANE from Southwestern Vermont Health Care, Bennington, VT.
- Cultural Care Needs of Spanish Speaking Parents with Limited English Proficiency Whose Children Are Hospitalized: An Ethno-nursing Study; Primary Investigator, Jennifer Stephen, MSN, RN, CPN from Cook Children's Health Care System, Fort Worth, TX.
- Examining Unintended Consequences of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Redesign: Identifying and Mitigating Adverse Impacts on Vulnerable Populations; Primary Investigator, Bonnie Fields, PhD, RN, MSN, MBA from Cook Children's Health Care System, Fort Worth, TX.
- OC Youth Survivor Perspectives on Healthcare and Human Trafficking; Primary Investigator, Lisa Murdock, MSN, RN, CNE from Children's Hospital of Orange County, Orange, CA.
- Takes a Village to Put Food in the Bank: Changing Food Insecurity in our Community One Patient at a Time; Primary Investigator, Beth J. Post, BSN, RN, MT (CLS), POCS (AACC) from Garnet Health Medical Center, Middletown, NY.
- Increasing Access to Non-dairy Beverages and Commercial Thickeners in Children with Complex Needs; Primary Investigator, Kathleen Carr, DNP, APRN, CPNP from Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA.
- The Use of Simulation to Increase Nursing Student Competency in Caring for LGBTQ Individuals; Primary Investigator, Laura Pittiglio, BSN, MSN, PhD from Oakland University, Sterling Heights, MI.
- Reducing Food Insecurity in Pediatric Patients and Families: Translating Evidence into Practice; Primary Investigator, Tyonne Hinson, DrPH, MSN, RN, NE-BC from Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA.

“We are ecstatic about the submissions received for this first round of grant funding and thankful to Careismatic Brands for enabling this important research to be completed” said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Co-founder, and CEO of The DAISY Foundation. Mike Singer, CEO of Careismatic Brands, added, “Nurses are uniquely qualified to address the diverse issues embodied in each of these grants, and it is an honor to partner with the DAISY Foundation to work toward a healthier America for all Americans.”

### About The DAISY Foundation

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 the creation of The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses, an evidenced-based means of providing Nurse recognition and thanking Nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

In addition to the DAISY Health Equity Grants, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 4,800 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition programs for direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, Nurses Advancing Health Equity, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects and Medical Mission Grants. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

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