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National Call to Action for Nurse Faculty Recognition

July 30, 2020 (Glen Ellen, CA) –Recognition of extraordinary nursing faculty is more important than ever. The DAISY Foundation™ in partnership with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the National League for Nursing (NLN) and the Organization of Associate Degree Nurses (OADN) is issuing a call to action for schools of nursing to recognize and celebrate their nursing faculty as role models in compassionate nursing practice. Now is the time!

The COVID-19 pandemic and Black Lives Matter movement have shined a light on faculty who have seen the opportunity to contribute in a positive way, in spite of the many challenges faced. Nursing faculty have demonstrated their commitment to nursing education, as they converted courses from brick and mortar delivery to online learning opportunities in record time and used their ingenuity to provide clinical experiences in simulated environments during these past months. Working with their institutions, they ensured the psychological safety as well as the physical safety of their students, making themselves available to their students long after the workday was complete. Recognition and celebration of these national treasures and their ongoing dedication to their work will help to retain them as faculty and encourage them in their mission to educate and create the best nursing workforce for years to come. They are integral to the next generation of nurses and to the nursing profession at large. Their valuable contributions must be recognized in an ongoing and meaningful way. The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Faculty provides that opportunity.

Capturing stories of gratitude for them, whether from students, colleagues, clinical staff, patients, or others who witness the impact of their actions, is important. These stories provide a valuable way to express gratitude to them. More importantly, the stories of such faculty articulate and elevate actions that are valued as representing the nursing profession at its best. The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Faculty provides the means for these stories to be honored, shared and preserved; and for the honoree, to be a part of DAISY's international community of outstanding nurses. For more information, examples and next steps on honoring your nursing faculty: <https://www.daisyfoundation.org/faculty-start>

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. In over 4500 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing, The DAISY Award is an evidenced-based means of providing Nurse recognition and thanking Nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of those they touch through their care, no matter the setting. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

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About AACN

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for academic nursing. AACN works to establish quality standards for nursing education; assists schools in implementing those standards; influences the nursing profession to improve health care; and promotes public support for professional nursing education, research, and practice. As the collective voice for academic nursing, the mission of AACN is to serve as the catalyst for excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice. The AACN vision: Nurses are transforming health care and improving health. <https://www.aacnnursing.org/>

About the National League for Nursing

Dedicated to excellence in nursing, the National League for Nursing is the premier organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education. The NLN offers professional development, networking opportunities, testing services, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives to its 40,000 individual and 1,200 institutional members, comprising nursing education programs across the spectrum of higher education and health care organizations. Learn more at <http://www.nln.org/>

About OADN

Recognized nationally as the voice and advocate for Associate Degree Nursing, the mission of the Organization of Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) is to provide visionary leadership in nursing education to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities they serve. By fostering dynamic and collaborative nursing education strategies, OADN ensures that the Associate Degree Nursing remains a pathway for a diverse spectrum of students, enriching the profession, and meeting the health care needs of patients, families, and communities. OADN welcomes partnerships and collaboration with the other national nursing organizations to support academic progression in nursing, leadership, and improvements in healthcare practice and delivery.

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