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## **THE DAISY FOUNDATION™ ANNOUNCES RECOGNITION FOR LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT BY NURSES**

February 4, 2019 (Glen Ellen, CA) – In honor of their upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, The DAISY Foundation has launched a Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize and celebrate those Nurses who have devoted their life’s work to the compassionate care of others. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's mission to express gratitude to Nurses with programs that recognize them for the extraordinary compassionate, skillful care they provide patients and families.

The initial concept for The DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award started with a phone call from the onsite DAISY Coordinator at UPMC Hamot, Janet Rice. She asked if she could use The DAISY Award to honor a Nurse with an extra-special award for her contributions after nearly 40 years providing extraordinary compassion at the bedside and mentoring other Nurses- a Nurse Janet described as “a consummate professional.” Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Co-founder and President of The DAISY Foundation, “Many of DAISY’s best ideas have been proposed to us by Nurses who run our program at their organizations. Janet’s concept fits our mission beautifully. We are proud to honor Nurses wherever they practice, in whatever role they serve, and throughout their careers. The DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award is a capstone recognition for a truly great Nurse’s career. We hope every organization honoring their Nurses with our program will choose a Nurse each year to be honored in this special way.”

DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award recipients serve as a beacon of inspiration to Nurses at all stages of their careers. Nurses are nominated by their colleagues for their life-long dedication to compassion in nursing through active mentoring, role modeling, advocating for their patients and promoting the positive image of nursing.

DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award nominations give staff and leadership a way to express their gratitude and recognize legacies that have sustained and shaped the heritage of nursing. Each Honoree receives an Award certificate, a DAISY lapel pin, specially designed by Washington, DC jewelry artist Ann Hand, and a unique Healer’s Touch sculpture on a pedestal with a personalized plaque attached.

### 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 Lifetime Achievement Award, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 3,500 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition of direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, and through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

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