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**THE DAISY FOUNDATION™ AND THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF NURSES WITH
DISABILITIES
ANNOUNCE SUPPORTIVE ASSOCIATION COLLABORATION**

October 2020 (Glen Ellen, CA) – The DAISY Foundation™ and The National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities (NOND) announced their mutual support today.

The DAISY Foundation is thrilled to welcome NOND to The DAISY Community of Supportive Associations and believes their partnership will bring awareness and recognition to nurses with disabilities around the world providing extraordinary care and compassion. Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Co-founder, and CEO of The DAISY Foundation, ““We are honored to welcome this very special organization of nurses to our DAISY community. Their extraordinary strength, persistence, and dedication to patient care are deeply inspiring.”

Karen McCulloh, RN, BS, CNE, Immediate Past President & Advisory Committee Member of NOND added " NOND is the only organization like it in the world. Nurses with disabilities associated with NOND may have had to change their specialty in order to remain within the nursing profession which may mean they no longer practice in the clinical arena. For nurses with disabilities, necessity is the mother of invention and because we love the nursing profession, some nurses with disabilities have created new fields of nursing. The stereotype view that all nurses work at the patient’s bedside no longer applies. Nurses with disabilities are changing the practice of nursing. We are very pleased that The DAISY Foundation recognizes the unique work of our organization and nurses with disabilities. We look forward to a fruitful partnership.”

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 Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 4,500 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition programs to honor Direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams (may be inter-professional), Nurse Leaders, Nurses Advancing Health Equity, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students and Lifetime Achievement in Nursing. DAISY offers Medical Mission Grants to DAISY Honorees and has two other lines of grant funding for any Nurses doing research via their J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects and their new Health Equity Grant program. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

About The National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities

The National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities (NOND) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was founded by five nurses with disabilities in 2003 and incorporated in the State of Illinois. NOND is an open membership, cross-disability, professional organization that works to promote equity for people with disabilities and chronic health conditions in nursing through education and advocacy. NOND accomplishes its work in a variety of ways for example, confronting national policy that could harm people with disabilities and chronic health conditions, influencing systemic change to promote acceptance and provide education within nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education and at the workplace. NOND works to ensure nursing students and nurses with disabilities receive the accommodations they need while in school and at work. NOND believes that qualified nurses with disabilities should be included at the table when nursing and disability is discussed which follows NOND's theme, Nothing About US Without Us! NOND is the Voice of Disability in Nursing.

More information available at <https://nond.org>

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