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New Board Members Announced by The DAISY Foundation

(Glen Ellen, CA) – August 14, 2020 – With pride, The DAISY Foundation announces the appointment of 4 new members to its Board. All are long-time champions of DAISY’s work to honor extraordinary compassionate nurses and will serve 3-year terms effective 2021. With tremendous gratitude, we welcome the following healthcare leaders to the Board:

Sheila Antrum, MHSA, RN, NEA-BC is UCSF Health’s Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer and President, Adult Services. UCSF Medical Center has been honoring nurses with The DAISY Award since 2004 – one of DAISY’s earliest partnerships, and Sheila’s passion for the program has been evident from the start.

Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FACHE, FAAN, is the President of Chamberlain University, the country’s largest college of nursing and largest provider of BSN degrees to under-represented minority students in the U.S. Chamberlain is a long-time Foundation Industry Partner and honors their faculty and students with DAISY Awards. Dr. Cox is the past president of the American Academy of Nursing and a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives. Having an academic presence on the Board will help ensure DAISY is relevant to this important audience for our recognition program.

Ric Cuming, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN is the Chief Nurse Executive of ChristianaCare and President of ChristianaCare HomeHealth in Delaware. He has a long history of partnering with DAISY in honoring nurses at 3 health systems along the East coast. His extensive expertise with the program and his bold, progressive approach to nursing will help shape our future direction.

Julie Moretz, BS is the Chief Experience Officer and Assistant Vice President of the Patient- and Family-Centered Care Center at Augusta University Health in Georgia. Given DAISY’s focus on providing patients and families with a means of expressing gratitude to nurses, her expertise in the relationship between meaningful recognition and the patient experience will surely serve DAISY well.

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These four members join the following on the DAISY Board: Cynthia Barginere, DNP, RN, FACHE; Bonnie and Mark Barnes, FAANs; Melissa Barnes; Tena Barnes Carraher; Stuart Downs, DNP, RN, CENP, CPHQ, NEA-BC, FAONL, FACHE; Ann Evans, RN, MS, MBA, FAAN; Kathy Gorman, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN; Susan Grant, DNP, MS, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN; Mary Dee Hacker, RN, MBA, FAAN; Karlene Kerfoot, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN; Peter Maher; and Deborah Zimmermann, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, MS, FAAN.

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 evidence-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 throughout the United States and in 28 other countries, recognizing direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, and Lifetime Achievement in Nursing. Grants are available, too: 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>.