

The **DAISY AWARD** (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) is a nationwide program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurse's every day. MERCY Hospital is proud to be the first state of Maine Daisy Award Hospital Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor three times a year. This nurse's clinical skill and especially her/his compassionate care exemplify the kind of nurse that our patients, their families, and our staff recognize as an outstanding role mode. She/he consistently meets the mission and values of Mercy Hospital.



The Daisy Foundation

The not-for-profit Daisy Foundation was established in 2000 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died from complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. During Patrick's 8 week hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses provided not only to Patrick but to everyone in his family. So one of the goals they set in creating a foundation in Patrick's memory was to recognize extraordinary nurses everywhere who make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people by the super-human work they do everyday.



[Learn more about the Daisy Foundation @ www.daisyfoundation.org](http://www.daisyfoundation.org)

Nominations

Any registered nurse working within the Mercy Hospital organization may be nominated. Patients, visitors, nurses, physicians, and employees may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out a nomination form. These are now available on the Mercy Website (www.mercyhospital.org), and are also part of the brochure that can be found throughout the hospital here at State Street, at the Fore River, and Mercy Express Cares at Westbrook & Windham.

The honoree will receive a certificate commending her or him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse", and will also receive a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called "A Healer's Touch", hand carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa. Additionally, every one on the unit will celebrate with Cinnabon cinnamon rolls --a favorite of Patrick's during his illness.

You can [Nominate a Mercy nurse](#) by using the Nomination Form on the next page.

More Information

Questions about this award program can be directed to Dottie Dyer @ 553-6440 or Lori Fournier @ 879-3585 or by email at daisyaward@mercyme.com.



Daisy Award Nomination Form

Patients, visitors, nurses, physicians, volunteers and employees may nominate a deserving Mercy nurse by filling out this form.

I would like to nominate:

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Unit or Department: _____

Please describe a situation involving the nurse you are nominating that clearly demonstrates how he/she meets the criteria for The Daisy Award:

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an extraordinary Mercy nurse for this award. Please tell us about yourself, so that we may include you in the celebration of this award should the nurse you nominate be chosen.

Your Name: _____ Your Phone Number: _____

Your Email Address: _____

I am a (Choose One): Patient Family/Visitor Physician Staff Volunteer

Date of Nomination: _____

To submit this nomination form, please mail to: Mercy Hospital, Attn: Daisy Award, 144 State Street, Portland, ME 04101. You can also fax this form to 207-879-3666.

