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**Unity To Recognize Nominees and Announce Honorees of  
The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses**

December 4, 2023 – Unity, Northeast Wisconsin's nonprofit leader in nonmedical home care, palliative care, hospice care, and grief support, announces an inaugural award ceremony to recognize six nominees for The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses. Media is invited to attend the event which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at Unity Grief and Education Center, 2079 Lawrence Drive, Suite B, De Pere, WI.

Nominated by Unity patients, families and colleagues for their outstanding compassion and immense clinical skills, two of the six nominees will be presented with The DAISY Award based upon the following criteria:

- Models empathy and demonstrates a caring attitude in all situations.
- Demonstrates extraordinary clinical skills in the delivery of compassionate patient care.
- Has a positive attitude and demonstrates professionalism in the work environment.
- Exemplifies the mission, vision and values of Unity.
- Establishes a special connection with patients and families.

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that was 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 throughout his healthcare journey inspired the creation of this unique program to thank nurses for their immense clinical skills and enormous compassion when caring for patients and families.

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“Unity is proud to be a DAISY Award partner. The kind of work our nurses are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of this international award. It’s a privilege to celebrate their contributions to compassionate, patient-centered care”, says Heidi Warpinski, Unity Senior Director of Nursing and Specialty Services.

Anyone can nominate a nurse for the DAISY Award including co-workers, patients, patient family members, physicians, and community partners. Unity encourages everyone who has had an exceptional experience with a Unity nurse to express their gratitude by completing the DAISY Award Nomination form located at [www.unityhospice.org/caregiver-education](http://www.unityhospice.org/caregiver-education).

### **About Unity**

Unity is Northeast Wisconsin’s pioneering not-for-profit healthcare provider that offers a full complement of care solutions including nonmedical home care, supportive palliative care, hospice care, and grief support. With a commitment to seamlessly adapt care to the everchanging needs of each patient and family, Unity works tirelessly to enhance quality of life through innovative services and unique programs ensuring the wishes and goals of patients and families are always met. As the only locally owned and operated advanced illness provider in the region, Unity partners with area skilled nursing facilities, assisted-living facilities, and pharmacies, ensuring seamless care in all settings. Unity is the sole organization offering inpatient hospice at seven area hospitals and is a collaboration between Bellin Health, HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center, and HSHS St. Vincent Hospital. Established as the third hospice program in the nation, Unity launched Wisconsin’s first palliative care program in 2002, the area’s first hospice residence in 2007, the region’s only Grief and Education Center in 2021, and the area’s first pediatric hospice program in 2024. Learn more at <https://unityhospice.org/>.

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