

First DAISY Award Winner

Becci Gordon, RN

On his second day of life, my son stopped eating, earning him a trip to the UVM NICU. The fact that he was able to make this trip in stable condition was due to Becci's expert and attentive care. Becci possesses an intuition to discern between normal irregularities and early red flag warning signs that merit further attention – even when dealing with the added challenge of a non-verbal newborn. As my son progressed from a “textbook eater” to being far more interested in sleeping than eating, to not being able to keep any food in his stomach at all, Becci observed and recorded everything without causing unnecessary stress or anxiety to us. Becci was such a good teacher – she taught me how to care care of myself and take care of my son.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FIRST WINNER OF THE DAISY AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES GOES TO **BECCI GORDON, RN – BIRTHING CENTER.**

The DAISY Committee met on Tues, July 21st and reviewed the “blinded” nominations and used a point scoring system to determine the winner. The term “blinded” means that the committee did not know the names of the nominees prior to casting their votes—it was only after the votes were counted that the committee learned the names of the nominees. After all of the votes were counted, Becci received 123 points out of 128. DAISY nominations are currently accepted from providers, patients and family members/visitors of patients.

We are proud to be among the healthcare organizations participating in The DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides a way for us to do that.

ABOUT THE DAISY AWARDS

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 this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Visit our website for more information about the DAISY program or nominate a DAISY nurse.

WHAT THE WINNER GETS

- DAISY award pin:



- DAISY award certificate

- DAISY brochure

- Healer's Touch sculpture:



- A copy of the submitted nomination

- A celebration!

We held a **Virtual Celebration** for Becci on 8/4

- DAISY banner to be hung up on unit where the nurse works for 3 months (awardee to sign, date and their unit on the banner)



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