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Power Up Nursing to Honor The DAISY Foundation with Inaugural Chrysalis Achievement Award

Honor celebrates DAISY's pioneering role in making meaningful nurse recognition part of hospital culture and leadership practice.

MIAMI, FL — October 26, 2026 — Power Up Nursing will present The DAISY Foundation with its first **Chrysalis Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Nurse Well-Being**, honoring the Foundation's pioneering work to embed meaningful recognition of nurses into the culture and leadership practices of healthcare organizations.

The Chrysalis Achievement Award will be presented as part of the inaugural **Chrysalis Awards for Innovations by Hospitals in Nurse Well-Being**, recognizing three hospitals for exceptional approaches to supporting nurses' emotional and physical well-being. The award ceremony will take place **November 19, 2026, in Miami, Florida**, during Chrysalis 2026 Miami, a three-day gathering of nurse leaders, hospital executives, and healthcare innovators. Hospital nominations are still being accepted at: <https://www.powerupnursing.com/chrysalis-awards>

"At the center of nurse well-being is being seen, being heard, and feeling valued. DAISY is synonymous with those feelings," said **Tanya Abreu, CEO and founder of Power Up Nursing**. "Every hospital that integrates the DAISY Award into its culture embraces a meaningful strategy to celebrate and elevate the spirit of nursing. DAISY reminds nurses that who they are as human beings—and the compassion they bring to their work—matters profoundly."

Founded in 1999, The DAISY Foundation grew from a family's gratitude for the nurses who cared for **J. Patrick Barnes**, who died at age 33 from complications of the autoimmune disease immune thrombocytopenia. Patrick was the son of Mark Barnes and stepson of Bonnie Barnes, husband of Tena Barnes Carraher, and father of their infant daughter, Riley.

During Patrick's eight-week hospitalization, nurses provided exceptional clinical care alongside extraordinary kindness to Patrick and his family. Their compassion brought comfort during the family's darkest hours and left an enduring impression.

Following his death, the family created DAISY to honor Patrick's memory by thanking nurses for the difference they make in patients' and families' lives. What began as a deeply personal expression of gratitude became an international movement celebrating nurses who make healthcare a kinder, more compassionate experience.

Power Up Nursing's values align beautifully with our mission to honor extraordinary, compassionate nurses wherever they practice. So being named the inaugural recipient of this very special Chrysalis Award is a tremendous honor for all of us at DAISY. We are very grateful to Power Up Nursing for ensuring that meaningful recognition is embedded in the culture of healthcare organizations everywhere!", added DAISY Co-founder, **Bonnie Barnes**.

Through its recognition programs, DAISY gives patients, families, and colleagues a way to share stories of extraordinary nursing care—and gives healthcare leaders a structured way to celebrate that care within their institutions.

Power Up Nursing's selection of DAISY reflects its belief that meaningful recognition is an essential component of nurse well-being. Recognizing nurses' contributions can reinforce purpose, strengthen connection, and help build an environment where compassion is valued throughout the organization.

"We work alongside nurse leaders and hospital executives to demonstrate how improvements in nurse well-being can be measured and connected to hospital performance and clinical outcomes," Abreu said. "DAISY has made an extraordinary contribution to this work by helping institutions recognize and care for the people who care for everyone else. We present this award with our sincere admiration and respect."

Hospital Nominations Remain Open

Nominations are still open for the inaugural Chrysalis Awards for Innovations by Hospitals in Nurse Well-Being. Power Up Nursing invites nominations of hospitals that go the extra mile to attend to nurses' emotional and physical well-being. Honorees will be recognized at the November 19 award ceremony in Miami, Florida.

To nominate a hospital, visit: <https://www.powerupnursing.com/chrysalis-awards>

About Power Up Nursing

Power Up Nursing advances nurse well-being as a core healthcare strategy through education, partnerships, technology, and measurable well-being initiatives. Its Chrysalis Awards recognize organizations developing meaningful approaches to supporting nurses' emotional and physical well-being. Learn more at www.PowerUpNursing.com.

About The DAISY Foundation

Established in 1999 in loving memory of J. Patrick Barnes, The DAISY Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing and celebrating extraordinary, compassionate nursing care. **DAISY stands for Diseases Attacking the Immune System**, reflecting the illness that Patrick battled and the inspiration behind the Foundation's creation. Through its recognition programs, The DAISY Foundation honors the remarkable contributions nurses make to patients, families, colleagues, and communities around the world.

Learn more at www.DAISYfoundation.org.

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