

Congratulations

You have been nominated for The DAISY AWARD

Grace

I would like to nominate Grace for the DAISY Award in recognition of her exceptional nursing care, clinical excellence, and unwavering compassion in the Emergency Department.

Grace consistently exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding nurse. In an environment defined by high acuity, unpredictability, and constant pressure, she brings a sense of calm, clarity, and purpose to every patient encounter. Her clinical judgment is sharp, her prioritization is excellent, and her ability to anticipate patient needs often makes a critical difference in both outcomes and flow.

What truly sets Grace apart, however, is the way she connects with patients and families. She treats every individual with dignity, patience, and kindness. Whether it's a critically ill patient, an anxious family member, or someone simply seeking reassurance. She has a remarkable ability to communicate complex medical situations in a way that is both understandable and comforting, helping patients feel seen and supported during some of their most vulnerable moments.

As a physician in the ED, I have come to deeply value Grace's teamwork and reliability. She is the kind of nurse you want at the bedside during difficult cases: proactive, detail-oriented, and always advocating for her patients. She does not hesitate to speak up when something needs attention, and she does so with professionalism and respect. Her collaboration strengthens the entire care team and elevates the standard of care we provide.

Beyond her clinical and interpersonal skills, Grace contributes meaningfully to the culture of our department. She supports her colleagues, steps in without being asked, and leads by example. Her presence improves morale and fosters a sense of unity, even during the most challenging shifts.

Grace embodies the spirit of the DAISY Award through her compassion, excellence, and dedication to patient-centered care. It is a privilege to work alongside her, and I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition.



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Celeste

Nurse Celeste went above and beyond to support our family during mom's stay in the hospital. She took extra care to do superior record-keeping of mom's daily intake and outputs, and extra care to measure floor distance to determine how far mom was able to walk with us on her walker. She shared her professional knowledge to train us on how to be better home caregivers, or how to safely help mom to transfer from bed to chair/walker/commode. She answered our questions on how to choose better OTC products such as lotions. Her manner was perfectly professional-she merely suggested and pointed out terms we could look up and research on our own, so we could be more aware and make our own choices. Another example was recommending we could take photos of mom's rash on different days, as a more reliable means of tracking her progress rather than relying on memory. She seems even more careful in her record-keeping, collecting and double-checking on info she went to record in her computer notes. She carefully listened to our concerns and to mom with thorough, close observations and examination of her extremities for signs of infection or other concerns. All of your nurses are good, but Nurse Celeste is special, and gave our family exactly what we needed to be better helpers and home caregivers for our mom.



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Carli

I had been on a liquid diet for a few days and was really wanting food. The doctor finally agreed to give me food and the kitchen sent me the wrong things. I was hungry, but there wasn't many options that would go with the diet that the doctor had put me on. Carli went out of her way to go downstairs and use her own money to buy me things that were diet specific that I could eat so I wouldn't be hungry. She also was very kind of all the time.

Carli is quick on her feet. When she's on the march, she's on the march. She doesn't linger around. You can tell she tries hard at her job and she knows what she's doing. I felt confident with her. She went to Hawaii and told me that she thought I'd be gone when she got back, but I was still here. I can be kinda spunky and she would give it right back. She was informative and had a perky attitude that people who are stuck for a while in the hospital kinda need.



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Patty Reed

I am nominating Patty for special attention, because of the excellent care and attention her patients receive. She is very intuitive and responsive to the needs and comfort of the patient. I receive infusions every six weeks for rheumatoid arthritis. By the time my infusion is due, the good effects of the previous infusion are gone.

Patty goes out of her way to be sure I am comfortable and have all my needs met. She always makes sure I have water and the call button. She always offers a warm blanket if the room is cold. She has excellent IV skills and is careful to try to get the IV started on the first try. She nearly always does!

I am also thankful for her double checking everything even though I have had this infusion for a long time, she evaluates me carefully and keeps me 15 minutes as recommended before discharging me. Her diligence and kind attention really make her stand out. I am very happy to nominate her, and I am very grateful for the excellent care.



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Patty Reed

I would like to nominate Patty Reed for the DAISY Award in recognition of the extraordinary care, compassion, and professionalism she consistently demonstrates.

I witness her interactions with patients on a weekly basis. Although many of the patients she cares for are experiencing pain, injury, or debilitating conditions, they arrive with genuine enthusiasm to see her. She greets each one with warmth and familiarity, often welcoming them like an old friend or member of her own family. It is not uncommon to see patients receive a heartfelt hug or a bright, reassuring smile upon arrival. No matter the circumstances, she consistently brings joy and positivity into every interaction, and I have never observed her in anything less than a genuinely uplifting and compassionate spirit.

Beyond her remarkable bedside manner, she is exceptionally competent in her clinical care. She demonstrates strong attention to detail and a deep commitment to patient safety. As patients complete their visits, I often hear her carefully reviewing follow-up instructions, ensuring they understand their plan of care and any additional services or referrals outside of our district that she has coordinated for them. She takes great pride in making sure nothing is overlooked and that each patient leaves feeling informed, supported, and cared for.

She is also deeply committed to maintaining and expanding her knowledge, particularly in wound care, where she continually stays current with best practices and advancements. This dedication is evident in the high standard of care she provides.

Most importantly, her patients absolutely adore her. She has a unique ability to make even difficult visits feel positive and engaging. She brings a sense of ease and even fun to their experience, which is a rare and invaluable gift in healthcare. She exemplifies what it means to be a compassionate, skilled, and patient-centered nurse.



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Haley Hughes

So Haley is very personable and probably your most personable and communicative person on the staff.

She's very gentle and listens to you. Some of the nurses don't and I really appreciate that and the gentleness and the abilities that she has.

Haley Hughes

She has been extra careful with me and helpful getting the things I need and comfort. I also appreciate how she interacts with staff.



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Grace Austin

We were there for hours, and she was so comforting and helpful. I couldn't be more grateful and couldn't ask for a better nurse. She was amazing!



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Jarvie

He was so friendly and sharing, loved his stories about his travels, has a great smile and very professional. Sweet young man



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Corbin

Corbin is really one of the fastest nurses that you guys have but he's also very gentle and really supportive. I really want his service to be recognized.



Corbin

Thank you for making me more than comfortable and giving such great care. You have a very sweet nature.



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Deana Henderson

She is so helpful, self-directed and self-motivated. She is knowledgeable about her duties, the unit and where to find equipment and supplies. It is a pleasure working with Deana, she has a wonderfully positive attitude, is always helpful, always has a smile on her face, has great rapport with the patients and takes excellent care of them. Deana is timely and efficient in her work and will do anything to help out. She is a blessing to this unit and is much appreciated. I love working with her.



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Savannah

Savannah was near the end of her Pregnancy and still working, during this time we had an active Pt who required monitoring, all on duty nurses were busy helping each other and Savannah noticed this Pt had pulled her nasal cannula from her face and was desaturating to the low 50's, (this was not her assigned Pt) she immediately found me and together we assisted Pt and returned her saturation to 90's. Had Savannah not been monitoring other RN's Pt's while they were helping each other this Pt's outcome was uncertain at best. This is a small example of the dedication she carries for each and every patient



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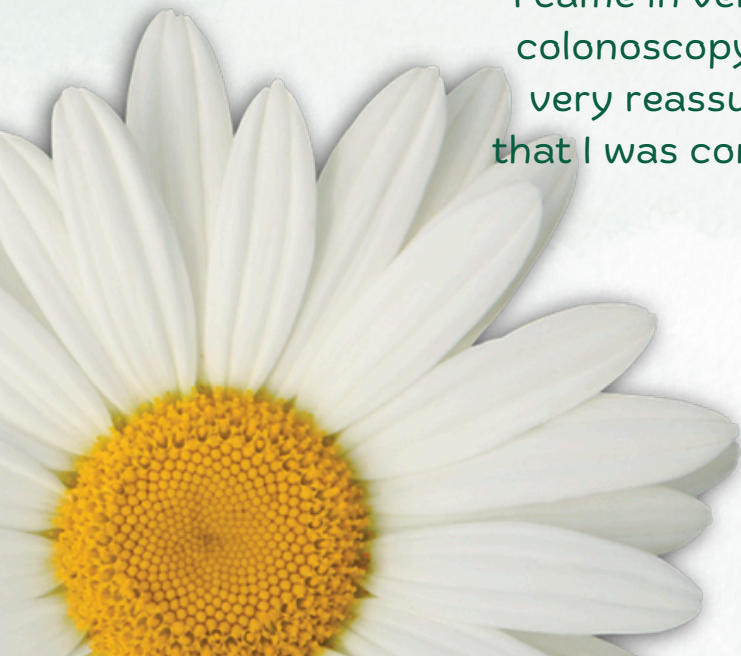


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Kristine Skinner

I came in very scared about what they might find in my colonoscopy. Also I was a hard stick for the IV. She was very reassuring to me and went out of her way to see that I was comfortable (i.e. Warm blanket, extra pillow). All in all, a very caring nurse. 😊



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Barb Thompson

Healthcare Work Experience

...The following week, I began a two-week rotation in the nursing department. The first day was nerve-racking. I was anxious to meet the nurses. The first nurse I met was Barbara; however, she told me to call her Barb. She greeted me with such a kind attitude and immediately made me feel welcome. Barbara taught me that having empathy and compassion for the families of the patients is important. She explained that as nurses, we see patients and families at one of the worst times of their lives, and that the stress of that can cause them to act aggressively. I shadowed her as she walked into several patient rooms and greeted them with the same kind attitude that she gave me. In total, I spent eight days shadowing nurses and asking them questions about the path they took to get into their positions.



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Stephanie Kyelberg

I got to the ER with a nasty cut between my pinky and the ring finger on my right hand. And a case of cellulitis. All the nurses were great! My nurse checked the wound and cleaned it. She chatted all the while getting everything the Doctor needed to stitch me up. Everyone kept the conversation light and all participated and kept me not watching or thinking about what the Dr was doing. I really appreciate all of the ER staff! My nurse realized after we were discharged the perscription for antibiotics was not included. She brought it to me down at the pharmacy. I just wanted to say Thank you!



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Erin Anderson

Erin was a true professional. She explained everything she was doing and why. It's rare to have a nurse do this. Usually they are like robots and start poking and prodding to get done what they need to do.

Erin Anderson

Erin was kind & compassionate with a particularly trying patient who was apt to experience conniptions regarding IVs & IV paraphernalia.

Erin swooped into the room on a moment's notice, placated the patient, succeeded in her objective to provide a new route of intravenous access, & vanished as quickly as she arrived. I, myself, would have failed to witness this mysterious hero if I had not been the one to shine the Erin-Signal . The whole time, she radiated an effercescent persona that permeated the room with a miasma of pleasantness. Bless her.



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Jack Prater

Both nurses were exemplary in their care by being so attentive to my mom during her stay. She is not an easy keeper.

Jack Prater

Jack was very, very nurturing and checked on my mom all the time. He was fun for the family with very witty conversations and paid very close attention to details. The most professional nurse we have had in my mom's 92 years. We want to adopt him please lol... our new brother

Jack Prater

Jack is very knowledgeable and he's very caring. He's supportive and gentle and I really want to thank him for his service.



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