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**Pardee Recognizes First Daisy Award Recipient**

(Hendersonville, N.C.) Jane Nelson, R.N., was recently honored with the [DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses](#). Nelson, a registered nurse on the intensive care unit at Pardee, is the first DAISY award recipient for the hospital. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the care and compassion of nurses and say thank you for the efforts nurses perform every day.

The DAISY Foundation was established by family members of J. Patrick Barnes. Barnes 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. The care Barnes 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. The family came up with the acronym DAISY to stand for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.

"We are proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY award program," said Pat Ashe, chief nursing officer at Pardee. "Nurses are heroes every day. It's important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and the DAISY award provides a way for us to do that."



DAISY award recipients are nominated by their peers, physicians, patients and families, and other staff and administrators. Jane Nelson, R.N., was chosen by her peers for demonstrating compassion and honesty while caring for her patients. Her confidence and critical care skills gain the trust of her patients and families, physicians and peers. She is an advocate for her patients and always lends a hand to her co-workers.

Each month, nurses from various units throughout Pardee will be nominated to receive this award. Recipients of the award receive a leather-bound certificate, DAISY award pin and a hand-carved serpentine sculpture from the Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe, entitled "A Healer's Touch."

For more information about the DAISY Foundation visit their website at [www.DAISYfoundation.org](http://www.DAISYfoundation.org).

[Pardee Hospital](http://www.pardeehospital.org) is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in [Henderson County](http://www.pardeehospital.org). The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. For more information or to find a physician, call 1-866-790-WELL (9355) or visit [www.pardeehospital.org](http://www.pardeehospital.org).





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