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Baptist Hospital Emergency Department Nurses Honored with DAISY Award

PENSACOLA, Fla. (March 29, 2022) – Rachel Hannawalt, R.N., BSN, and Anna Burrus, R.N., have been honored with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

The two were nominated not only by a patient they cared for but also by a fellow team member who noticed their extraordinary work. In her nomination, the patient wrote: “Anna and Rachel were so thoughtful and empathetic when they treated me. I was just so touched by that level of kindness when they probably see countless patients daily.”

The co-worker’s nomination highlighted the values Hannawalt and Burrus consistently reflect in their work: “These two nurses collectively demonstrate invaluable qualities such as empathy, kindness, respect and versatility on a daily basis.”

The DAISY Award is part of a national merit-based recognition program established by the DAISY Foundation that celebrates the education, training and skill that nurses put into their work every day and, especially, the devoted care they give their patients. Nominations can be submitted by patients, families, physicians and colleagues. Names from nominations are removed so that they are anonymous before being reviewed by a selection committee. One nurse is then chosen as the DAISY Award winner. DAISY Awards are presented on a regular basis, usually monthly or quarterly.

“The DAISY Award serves as another important way for Baptist Health Care to ensure that our nursing team members receive recognition and praise for the remarkable work that they do every day,” said BHC Vice President and System Chief Nursing Officer Cynde Gamache, DBA, R.N., NEA-BC. “We are very appreciative that the DAISY Foundation has created a meaningful award program that honors the tender acts of human compassion that can sometimes go unnoticed but can leave an enduring imprint on the heart and soul of another human being.”

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