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ANCC HONORS THE DAISY FOUNDATION FOR ITS INSPIRATIONAL SUPPORT OF NURSES

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) presented a Special Recognition Award to Mark and Bonnie Barnes of The DAISY Foundation for their longstanding and inspirational support of nurses.

The Barneses run The DAISY Foundation, which honors nurses as “unsung heroes” deserving of society’s profound respect and recognition for their education, training, brainpower, skill, and compassion. The Foundation administers The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, The DAISY Faculty Award, and nursing research grants.

Presenting the Special Recognition Award at ANCC’s National Magnet Conference® in Phoenix in October, ANCC Board President Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN-BC, SANE-A, said, “We cannot begin to repay these two incredible people for all they have done. But with this Special Recognition Award, we can convey some of our thanks for their deep and continuing support of nurses. Mark and Bonnie turned the tragic loss of their son into inspiration for nurses. Since its creation, The DAISY Award has become more like a field of daisies than a single flower. Thus far, they have worked with 695 hospitals to recognize more than 7,000 nurses with The DAISY Award.”

The Barneses established The DAISY Foundation—an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System—in 2000 to honor the spirit of their son, Pat, who died of the autoimmune disease idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. They created The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses to commemorate the skilled and compassionate care Pat received from his nurses and to recognize the superhuman work nurses continue to do every day.

Hospital administrators throughout the country view The DAISY Award not only as a way to acknowledge outstanding nurses, but also as a strategic tool in managing the nurse shortage that threatens the heart of the nation’s healthcare system. Nurses who receive The DAISY Award and experience DAISY presentations are moved and motivated.

Last year, ANCC announced its support for The DAISY Award for all Magnet® hospitals and healthcare organizations, as well as those on the Journey to Magnet Excellence™.

About The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation was formed in January 2000 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 of complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP). The Foundation’s goals include:

- To recognize the compassionate, superhuman work nurses do every day
- To honor the contribution to patient care by the dedication and inspiration of nursing faculty
- To fund treatment research and evidence-based practice projects conducted by nurses
- To support organizations whose mission is to assist and inform ITP patients and caregivers about the best ways to manage and treat their illness.

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