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**West Florida Healthcare Honors Nurses with
“The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses”**

PENSACOLA, FL – October 27, 2016 – Two West Florida Healthcare nurses were recently honored with **The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses**. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's international program that recognizes the remarkable efforts nurses perform every day.

West Florida Healthcare is proud to announce that **Angie Fenn, RN** (Medical/Surgical Progressive Care Unit) and **Jason Pryor, RN** (Progressive Coronary Unit) were recently honored as the hospital’s latest DAISY Award recipients. According to the



selection committee, both nurses were chosen for their compassion for their patients and family members as well as their exceptional clinical skills and positive attitudes.

Six times a year, deserving nurses are selected by a group of former nursing award winners at West Florida Healthcare to receive The DAISY Award. Nurses may be nominated by patients, family members, physicians or co-workers. Honorees will receive a certificate commending them for being an "Extraordinary Nurse" at a special presentation given in front of their respective colleagues, physicians, patients and visitors. Honorees will also receive a hand-carved sculpture called “A Healer’s Touch.”

“We are proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program,” said **Karen White-Trevino**, Chief Nursing Officer at West Florida Hospital. “Nurses are heroes every day. It’s important that our nurses know their work is highly valued, and The DAISY Foundation provides an additional way for us to do that.”

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The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, California, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick 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 Patrick 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 their families.

One day while Pat was in the hospital, he asked his family to bring him a Cinnabon® cinnamon roll plus enough for all the nurses in his unit. With the help of Cinnabon's parent company, FOCUS Brands, The DAISY Foundation carries on this tradition by serving Cinnabons to all the nurses in the Award recipient's unit in thanks for everything they do for their patients and families.

Said **Bonnie Barnes**, President and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at West Florida Hospital are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

For a complete listing of hospitals currently participating in the program, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org. This is one initiative of The DAISY Foundation whose overall goal is to help fight diseases of the immune system. Additionally, DAISY offers J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects and provides assistance to ITP support groups. More information is available at www.DAISYfoundation.org.

About West Florida Healthcare

The first hospital in the area to offer all private rooms, West Florida Healthcare proudly provides market-leading quality outcomes performance. Named for the second year in a row as one of the "100 Top Hospitals" in the nation by Truven Health Analytics, the facility has also been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for five years in a row by The Joint Commission, earned an "A" rating in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group, and named by *Becker's Hospital Review* to its 2016 national list of

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“100 Great Community Hospitals.” The area’s first Accredited Chest Pain Center and Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, West Florida Hospital is also the first hospital in the state of Florida to have earned Atrial Fibrillation with Electrophysiology Services Accreditation. The hospital is also an Advanced Primary Stroke Center and offers specialized Emergency Department services tailored specifically to the needs of seniors as well as a Kids’ ER dedicated to serving the emergency medical needs of children. The West Florida Healthcare campus includes the all private room acute care hospital, the area’s only comprehensive, CARF-accredited physical rehabilitation hospital, and a mental health facility. Affiliated with HCA, the nation’s leading provider of healthcare, West Florida Healthcare meets the community’s healthcare needs in major services such as cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, oncology, orthopedics, robotic-assisted surgery, critical care, neurology/neurosurgery, emergency care, urology, behavioral health, gastroenterology, obstetrics, pulmonary, and rehabilitative medicine. For more information, visit www.westfloridahospital.com or call (850) 494-3212.

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