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Nurse puts family at ease during a difficult time

Katinka Hurley, RN, earns Dominican Hospital's seventh DAISY award

SANTA CRUZ – Katinka Hurley, RN, has earned Dominican Hospital's seventh DAISY award.

The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that rewards excellence in nursing. It was created by The DAISY Foundation to recognize the clinical skills, extraordinary compassion and care exhibited by nurses everyday.

Katinka was recognized by a patient's wife for her ability to put them at ease in the Acute Rehabilitation Unit.

"Katinka made an immediate connection with my husband Mike with her kindness and sense of humor," wrote her nominator. "She tucked my husband in, making him and I feel safe and cared for. She pops in just to see what she can do. What an amazing lady!"

A member of Dominican Hospital's nursing staff is chosen as a DAISY award recipient every other month. Nomination forms are located at nursing stations and public areas throughout the hospital and rehabilitation services.

Award recipients are given a pin to wear on their nametag, a certificate and a hand-carved statue entitled "A Healer's Touch." The recipients name will also be added to a roster of DAISY award winners across the county on the DAISY foundation's Web site, www.daisyfoundation.org.

The DAISY Foundation was established in 2000 by the Barnes family in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. The DAISY Foundation is dedicated to funding research to help fight diseases of the immune system, like the one that struck Patrick, and supporting ITP patients and their families. Having been touched by the remarkable care, clinical skills and compassion demonstrated by nurses during Patrick's illness, the Barnes family made it their mission to recognize exceptional nurses around the country.