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**DAISY AWARD HONORS NURSE'S COMPASSION**

**Broadlawns Nurse Keyte Earns DAISY Award**

**DES MOINES, Iowa (Apr 22, 2010) -- Beth Keyte, RN**, has been awarded the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at **Broadlawns Medical Center**. Keyte is a nurse in the Broadlawns Mental Health Services Unit, where she specializes in the care of patients diagnosed with a wide variety of mental illnesses.

The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) 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), an auto-immune disease. The Barnes Family, awestruck by the clinical skills, caring and compassion of the nurses who cared for Patrick, created this national award to recognize the super-human work of nurses and to honor the compassion and care that nurses provide their patients every day. The awards are coordinated by the Nursing Professionalism Council and are presented quarterly.



Beth Keyte, R.N.

"We applaud this recognition of Beth Keyte from the DAISY Foundation," said Susan Kirstein, chief nursing officer at Broadlawns. "This prestigious award honors nurses who consistently exceed the standards of nursing in their daily practice. Beth embodies the compassion and expertise that make a difference in the lives of her patients."

Keyte's nomination by one of her peers cites her selfless commitment to her profession and the special needs of her patients. She is known for her ability to guide those in her care in their personal journeys through coping, trusting and building self-confidence.

"It is such an honor to receive this award," said Keyte. "Our team here at Broadlawns is the best I've ever worked with. They are inspiring, and it's wonderful for the mental health services at Broadlawns to be recognized for the care we give our patients."

Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow's health care professionals. Today Broadlawns Medical Center is composed of:

- An acute care community hospital serving medical, surgical, mental health and primary care needs
- A 60-member physician practice overseeing numerous specialty clinics and outpatient services
- A Family Medicine Residency Program that graduates physician leaders who today serve in 22 of Iowa's 99 counties

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