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DAISY AWARD CITES NURSE AS ROLE MODEL

Broadlawns' Dobrzynski Personifies DAISY Award

DES MOINES, Iowa (Oct. 7, 2011) -- Broadlawns Medical Center's Jeanne Dobrzynski, BSN, received the third DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses given this year. A special ceremony at the medical center featured Dobrzynski and two of her nursing peers who nominated her for the coveted award for nursing excellence.

"Jeanne has a vast knowledge of nursing with an emphasis in the emergency department," read her nomination. "The nursing students who work with her benefit from her careful explanations as she helps them make the most of their emergency department experience. She serves as a great role model for student nurses."

Dobrzynski has worked in the emergency department at Broadlawns Medical Center since 2008. After receiving her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Loyola University in Chicago, she has practiced orthopedic, rehab, emergency and brain injury nursing in centers throughout the Midwest. She has also worked in nursing research and currently assists as a guest lecturer in the Physical Diagnosis Department at Des Moines University.

"We are extremely proud of the excellent quality of our nursing professionals at Broadlawns Medical Center," said Susan Kirstein, chief nursing officer at Broadlawns. "Jeanne's recognition from the DAISY Foundation is an excellent example of the



Jeanne Dobrzynski, BSN, receives the Daisy Award at Broadlawns Medical Center.

compassion and leadership of our caring nurses, who exceed the standards of nursing in their daily practice. It is a privilege to celebrate this honor with Jeanne."

The honoree receives a certificate commending her for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people."

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 Broadlawns Nursing Professionalism Council and are presented quarterly.

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
- The Family Medicine Residency Program, which graduates physician leaders who today serve in 22 of Iowa's 99 counties