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DAISY AWARD CITES NURSE'S COMPASSION

Broadlawns' Hampton Inspires DAISY Award

DES MOINES, Iowa (Mar 17, 2011) -- Nancy Hampton, RN, BSN, received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at **Broadlawns Medical Center**. This is the first award of 2011. Hampton's nomination came from a peer who had also recently been a patient under her care.

"As a patient in the medical surgical unit at Broadlawns recently, I was fortunate to experience Nancy's compassion and caring first hand," stated Terri Stewart, RN, in her nomination paper. "She treated me with such personal attention, not because I am also a nurse at Broadlawns, but because that's how she cares for all of her patients."

Hampton decided to become a nurse after her own experience having her son spend five months in a neonatal care unit. She is widely recognized by coworkers and patients for her compassionate care for her patients' well-being.



Nancy Hampton, RN, BSN

"We are proud of Nancy's recognition from the DAISY Foundation," said Susan Kirstein, chief nursing officer at Broadlawns. "This coveted award symbolizes the healing powers of caring nurses who exceed the standards of nursing in their daily practice."

Hampton received a bachelor of arts degree in human services and worked with developmentally disabled adults and homeless teens for a number of years before earning a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Grand View University in Des Moines. She joined the nursing team at Broadlawns Medical Center in 2007.

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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.

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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