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## Baptist Health Care Announces Winner of October DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses

**PENSACOLA, Fla. (Nov. 5, 2019)** – Baptist Health Care (BHC) presented its October DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses to Jennifer Hernandez, BSN, R.N. Hernandez works in the Baptist Hospital Progressive Care Unit.

The family who nominated Hernandez for the award wrote that she was amazing, kind and caring, and took the “extra step to make someone feel cared about.”

“The DAISY Award serves as another important way for Baptist Health Care to ensure that our nursing team members receive recognition and praise for the remarkable work that they do every day,” said BHC Vice President and System Chief Nursing Officer Cynde Gamache, DBA, R.N., NEA-BC. “We are very appreciative that the DAISY Foundation has created a meaningful award program that honors the tender acts of human compassion that can sometimes go unnoticed but can leave an enduring imprint on the heart and soul of another human being.”

The DAISY Award is part of a national merit-based recognition program established by the DAISY Foundation that celebrates the education, training and skill that nurses put into their work every day and, especially, the devoted care they give their patients. Nominations can be submitted by patients, families, physicians and colleagues. Names from nominations are removed so that they are anonymous before being reviewed by a selection committee. One nurse is then chosen as the DAISY Award winner. DAISY Awards are presented on a regular basis, usually monthly or quarterly.

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### *About Baptist Health Care*

*Baptist Health Care is a community-owned, not-for-profit health care organization based in northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life’s journey. The organization is a proud member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. A 2003 Malcolm Baldrige recipient, Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine, Lakeview Center and a large network of primary care and specialty physicians. With more than 7,300 employees and employed physicians, Baptist Health Care is the second largest non-governmental employer in northwest Florida.*

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