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Baptist Hospital Cardiovascular ICU Nurse Honored with DAISY Award

PENSACOLA, Fla. (August 29, 2022) – JoAnn Wentland, R.N., BSN, has been honored with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. Wentland works in cardiovascular ICU at Baptist Hospital.

Wentland was recognized by a patient's sister for going above and beyond in her role. "She came in and helped make the bed. She took the old linens out of the room and even stayed a few minutes to visit. This was not even her floor," the nomination read. "On the day my sister was released, JoAnn stopped by to see how she was doing. She really brightened our day."

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.

"The DAISY Award is a wonderful way for Baptist Health Care to recognize nurses for the expert, compassionate care they provide every day. Nurses serve as patient advocates and skilled care providers," said Baptist Health Care Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Joyce Nichols, APRN, FNP-BC, CWOCN. "The role of the front-line nurse has never been more important. We are proud to participate in the DAISY Award program and to recognize our nurses for providing a healing touch to their patients, both physically and emotionally."

For more information, visit <https://www.ebaptisthealthcare.org/Nursing/nurse-recognition-program>.

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