St. Francis Medical Center Names Quarterly DAISY Nursing Award Winner

Award recognizes a nurse making an outstanding difference in the lives of patients and families

TRENTON, NJ—St. Francis Medical Center recently named Jillian Curtis, a nurse with the Emergency Department at St. Francis Medical Center, as its summer 2019 DAISY Nursing Award winner.

The award is presented in collaboration with The American Organization of Nurse Executives. It is part of the DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Foundation’s program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

Curtis was nominated by a colleague for her extraordinary care. Her nominator wrote, “Jillian is a kind, compassionate, and caring nurse who will go above and beyond for her patients and their family members. She consistently updates patients and families in the ED so they know what to expect and is always there to support their needs. She an advocate for patients and a leader for her team.”

“I’m honored to have been chosen as a St. Francis’ DAISY award winner,” said Curtis. “Emergencies are often stressful because they are unexpected and that can be frightening. I do all I can to help relieve anxiety for patients and families. I’m thankful to be recognized with this award and proud to be a part of the St. Francis nursing team.”

The DAISY Award was established in 2000 by the Barnes family in honor of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 of an auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received inspired the family to thank nurses nationwide for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and families.

“We have an extraordinary nursing staff at St. Francis, and to be named the DAISY awardee speaks volumes to the patient-centered care that Jillian gives to our patients,” said Eddie Perez, RN, MHA, NE-BC, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, St. Francis Medical Center.

During the award ceremony, Perez presented Curtis with the DAISY Foundation’s “Healer’s Touch” sculpture, as well as an award certificate and DAISY award pin.
To learn more about the DAISY award, visit https://www.daisyfoundation.org/daisy-award.

**Caption:** Jillian Curtis, RN, St. Francis Medical Center Summer 2019 DAISY Award winner, holds her DAISY Award certificate. She is pictured along with members of the St. Francis Nursing and Leadership teams, including Dan Moen, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Medical Center (second from left); and Eddie Perez, RN, MHA, NE-BC, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, St. Francis Medical Center (left, holding banner).

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