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Hamilton nurse recognized with DAISY Award

Dalton, Ga. (September 15, 2026) – Allison Hampton, RN, a float pool nurse at Hamilton Medical Center (HMC), recently received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The DAISY Award recognizes exemplary nursing excellence and is the highest honor a nurse can receive at HMC.

Hampton was nominated for the award based on her compassion, kindness, honesty, clinical expertise, emotional intelligence, reassurance, gentle approach, exceptional care and her comforting and attentive nature.

The award, presented in collaboration with The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

DAISY Award recipients receive an honorary DAISY pin, a banner to display on their unit, an award certificate, and the Healer's Touch, a hand-carved sculpture by the Shona tribe in Zimbabwe. The sculpture is especially meaningful because of the profound respect the Shona tribe gives to their traditional "healers." A Shona healer is affectionately regarded as a treasure by those they are caring for which describes exactly how the DAISY Foundation and HMC feel about nurses.

Eighty-one other nurses were also nominated for the award. They include: Miriam Trujillo, Lauren Roberts, Kristina Shaylitsa, Haleigh Parker, Tonnisha Rodriguez, Alise Runyan, Nyiesha Gingery, Brooke Alvarez, Danny Canales, Allen Thornton, Teresa Teasley, Karah Thompson, Summer Wilson, Angela Lopez, Katie Butler, Carlee Corbin, Nicole Queen-Garner, Nancy Wachira, Jose Brillo, Erika Paez, Jason Yarber, Mary Young, Skyler King, Brooke McCormick, Connor Sims, Luz Nunez, Amy Stafford, Lorraine Epperson, John Domingo Perez, Valerie Lawson, Cody McKinney, Brittany Moore, Sisi Mendez Jimenez, Cheryl Mitchell, Lance Patty, Anna Fleming, Emily Allen, Amanda Cargal, Ella Lance, Amy Neighbors, Diadem Monana, Kim Rich, Amber Hope, Tabitha Tinsley, Cheyenne Beckhusen, Kaitlynn Bryant, Anayelli Rosas, Sandi Killen, Jacob Whitener, Freddy Fairman, Ryan Gutierrez, Kim Ledford, Colin Doherty, Joann Johnson, Shelby Martinez, Melinda Jones, Jadea Fox, Bridget Pruitt, Nikki Taylor, Mayra Cisneros Ochoa, Leticia Mata, Katrina Longest, Brandy Southerland, Ashley Scruggs, Cassandra

McAllister, Jaylene Triplett, Kay Crider, Crystal Ward, Payton Castillo, Zach Henson, Donna Ivy, Shelby Mdeiway, Muna Wagner, Lisa Murdoch, Kristi Clinton, Jaime Godfrey, Cassandra Cochran, Holly Cochran, Margarita Rangel, Emily Hensley and Victoria Middlebrooks.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Barnes died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune SYstem.

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Photo: Allison Hampton, RN, recently received the DAISY Award at Hamilton Medical Center (HMC). From left are Mike Allen, Emergency Department director; Hampton; and Judean Guinn, chief nursing officer.

About Hamilton Medical Center

The flagship affiliate for Vitruvian Health's Northwest Georgia region, Hamilton Medical Center (HMC) is a 255-bed regional acute-care hospital that offers major medical, surgical and diagnostic services, including accredited stroke and chest pain centers. Advanced technology and wellness are two significant areas of focus for HMC. Services include the freestanding Hamilton Ambulatory Surgery Center, Hamilton Diagnostics Center, and Bradley Wellness Center, as well as a Level III trauma center, Peebles Cancer Institute, Heart & Vascular program (including open heart surgery), Bandy Endoscopy Center, Hamilton Spine Health and Sport, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and more.

About Vitruvian Health

Vitruvian Health, formerly Hamilton Health Care System, is a not-for-profit, fully integrated health system serving the Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee regions. Vitruvian includes Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton, Ga., and Bradley Medical Center in Cleveland, Tenn., affiliated physician practices, walk-in care centers, retirement and skilled nursing centers, a diagnostic center, a cancer institute, an institute for children with developmental delays, and more. Known for its advanced care and personalized service, Vitruvian Health offers innovative treatment options in state-of-the-art facilities while maintaining a compassionate, friendly and tranquil healing environment.

The Vitruvian name draws from the organization's recognizable da Vinci-inspired Vitruvian Man icon, which has been a prominent part of Hamilton's logo since 1976. Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man represents harmony, balance, and the interconnectedness of all aspects of health, perfectly aligning with Hamilton's integrated system of care.