



## Grace McCartt receives St. Mary's DAISY Award for nursing excellence

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**Greensboro, Ga.** – Grace McCartt, a registered nurse who provides care in the Emergency Department at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital, has received St. Mary's DAISY Award for Nursing Excellence. She was nominated by the daughter of an elderly patient whose dementia and other health issues required especially high levels of patience and compassion.



*Grace McCartt, RN*

"Grace is such a beautiful young lady who possessed an extraordinary skill for working with elderly patients," the daughter said in nominating McCartt. "She was so patient and kind, but the trait that stood out most to me was her compassion. Mom is very proud and Grace went above and beyond to preserve Mom's dignity under very dire conditions.

"Her patience was astonishing. It was just heaven-sent that she was the one attending to my Mom. I will forever be grateful that God placed her in our path," the daughter concluded.

"Grace truly exemplifies the commitment of nurses across our ministry to provide high-level care with higher-level caring," said Ann Gomes, director of Orthopedics and chair of St. Mary's DAISY Award Committee. "Nurses are trained in how to provide care to challenging patients, but Grace went further. The care she provided to this patient and family demonstrates the beauty of combining training with heart-felt reverence for the sacredness of the person you are serving. We're so happy she is part of our ministry."

McCartt is a resident of Winder who joined St. Mary's in 2022.

### About the DAISY Award

The DAISY Award is an international recognition program that celebrates the skillful and compassionate care nurses provide day-in and day-out. It was created in gratitude for the nurses who provided care to Patrick Barnes, a 33-year-old husband and father who lost his fight against a deadly autoimmune disease in 1999. His family created the DAISY Foundation, which now partners with more than 6,500 hospitals and schools in all 50 states and around the world to honor and inspire extraordinary nurses. Learn more about the DAISY Award at <https://www.daisyfoundation.org/>.

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At St. Mary's, each DAISY Award recipient is recognized at a public ceremony with their colleagues. They receive a certificate, a DAISY Award pin, and a stone sculpture entitled "A Healer's Touch" that is hand-carved by sculptors in Zimbabwe. In addition, they and their colleagues are invited to celebrate the occasion with cinnamon rolls, a treat Patrick would request – even though he couldn't eat them – as a thank-you to the nurses caring for him.

Anyone can nominate a St. Mary's nurse for the DAISY Award, including patients, patients' family members, providers, and colleagues. Any nurse in the St. Mary's system is eligible, including those at all three hospitals as well as home health care/hospice services and medical group offices. The nomination simply asks you to share your story of why a nurse is special to you. St. Mary's honors eight nurses each year.

There are two ways you can nominate a St. Mary's nurse:

- Visit St. Mary's DAISY Award webpage at <https://www.stmarys-health.org/for-patients/after-your-stay/daisy-award>
- Contact Melissa McDaniel, Marketing Administrative Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator, at 706.389.3892.

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