

With Attached Photo: Nancy Hooker, R.N. and Jenny Grantham, R.N., received The DAISY Award® in recognition of the care and compassion they provide to patients at Southeast Georgia Health System.

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## **Southeast Georgia Health System Presents the DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Care to Jenny Grantham and Nancy Hooker**

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: March 15, 2021 – Southeast Georgia Health System recently presented the DAISY Award® For Extraordinary Nurses to Jenny Grantham, R.N., and Nancy Hooker, R.N., in recognition of the kindness and compassion they provide every day to their patients.



A registered nurse and assistant nurse manager in the Health System's Maternity Care Center on the Brunswick Campus, Nancy Hooker, R.N., was nominated for The DAISY Award by her patient, Maci Hobby, who gave birth to a baby girl while in Hooker's care.

Excerpts from the nomination include, "Nancy Hooker single-handedly and completely changed our experience at the maternity care center. She was just getting off working the night-shift when I started having contractions. Instead of going home and getting the much deserved sleep she needed (especially in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic), Nancy stayed with us until the delivery of our sweet and precious baby girl. She stayed by our side and guided us through the entire process.

After our baby's birth, there was a complication with me having a postpartum hemorrhage. Nancy stayed right by our side the entire time. She was there through the entire process as a friendly face. She spoke with us like we were family, and helped out, going above and beyond our highest expectations. Nancy even brought us dinner after our delivery and hemorrhage-control procedure. The next night she worked, she even helped us with the baby so that we could get a couple of hours of sleep. Without a doubt, she is the reason we had such a wonderful experience. I do not believe the Health System would be the same without Nancy."

Jenny Grantham, R.N., is a registered nurse in the Health System's Cancer Care Center on the Brunswick Campus. She was nominated for The DAISY Award by patient Victoria Certain, whom she sees regularly for treatment.



Excerpts from Grantham's nomination include, "My disease and medical condition require regular phlebotomies, which I have at the Infusion Center at Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick. If the Daisy Awards are presented to those with "A Healer's Touch." then Jenny Grantham is a most worthy candidate that I nominate with my deep gratitude for her loving care. I have been fearful of needles my whole life, but when I walk into the Infusion Center and see Jenny's smiling face, I feel assured that all will be well. Thanks to her confident and gentle manner my fear of needles has vanished. I have been blessed to be treated by Jenny for years now, and I believe I am a very fortunate

patient to have her at my side during these procedures. She is profoundly kind and skilled in performing her professional health services...Jenny is a superb “stick” and has an amazing calm and reassuring way about her. Even when the Center is bustling with patients, she is wonderfully able to make each of us feel special, welcomed and that we are receiving the very best personal care possible...I leave feeling like I’ve visited with a dear friend and come away with a smile on my face, feeling happy and healthier. She is a true angel! Jenny Grantham is a deserving candidate for this award.

Hooker and Grantham also received “A Healer’s Touch” sculptures, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa, and Grandy’s Sinnamon® Rolls, donated by owners, and siblings, Paul and Mary Kay Spence.

Created by The DAISY Foundation™—an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System—the DAISY Award 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. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and the patients’ family and friends.

Nurses can be nominated for The DAISY Award online at [sghs.org/daisy-award](http://sghs.org/daisy-award), or nominations may be placed in DAISY boxes located throughout the Health System’s Brunswick and Camden campuses. A committee consisting of Health System team members, including clinical and non-clinical staff, leadership, medical staff and board members, review the nominations and determine The DAISY Award recipient(s). Awards are given quarterly throughout the year.

**ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM**

**Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and offers the only CyberKnife® M6 with MLC technology in Georgia. Additionally, the Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 140 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations. The Health System is part of Coastal Community Health, a regional affiliation between Baptist Health and Southeast Georgia Health System forming a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. In 2020, the Brunswick Campus was rated High Performing in COPD and Heart Failure by the U.S. News & World Report. For more information, visit [sghs.org](http://sghs.org).**

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