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## Katherine Philips, R.N., Honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses

**PENSACOLA, Fla. (Nov. 29, 2021)** – Katherine "Kat" Philips, R.N., who is a charge nurse in the Baptist Hospital emergency department, has been honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

Philips was nominated for the recognition by her supervisor for her dedication to patients who are victims of sexual assault. "Kat demonstrates extraordinary clinical skills while also delivering passionate patient care, stays positive to help promote hope to patients that are experiencing one of the darkest days in their life, and she radiates Baptist Health Care's mission of helping people through life's journey," the nomination read.

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 serves as another important way for Baptist Health Care to ensure that our nursing team members receive recognition and praise for the remarkable work that they do every day," said BHC Vice President and System Chief Nursing Officer Cynde Gamache, DBA, R.N., NEA-BC. "We are very appreciative that the DAISY Foundation has created a meaningful award program that honors the tender acts of human compassion that can sometimes go unnoticed but can leave an enduring imprint on the heart and soul of another human being."

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