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DAISY Award Winner at Saint Vincent Hospital

Worcester, MA – One of Saint Vincent Hospital's very own has been fortunate enough to win the DAISY award for April.

Registered Nurse Meg Starbud was awarded the DAISY award on April 13 for all of her hard work in Unit 35 North at Saint Vincent Hospital.

"We are so proud of Meg," said Jill Lessard, the Director of Nursing for Unit 35 North. "She has worked so hard and has never failed to maintain her composure and professionalism."

While there are many awards for healthcare professionals, the DAISY award is one of the most popular among nursing facilities. It is present at over 3,000 healthcare facilities and nursing schools and encompasses the United States and 17 other countries. Not only does it boost morale of organizations, but also affects nurses' job satisfaction, retention, teamwork, pride, organizational culture, and the desire to have a healthy work environment.

The DAISY award was created in 1999 in memory of Patrick Barnes, who passed away from Hodgkin's disease and an auto-immune disease. After his passing, Barnes' wife created the DAISY foundation as a way to thank the medical staff that helped her husband in his last days. The acronym stands for diseases attacking the immune system, which encompasses diseases such as Barnes'. Since its creation, the DAISY award has remained committed to honoring nurses for all of their hard work.

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About St. Vincent Hospital

Saint Vincent Hospital is an acute care hospital providing general and tertiary medical services to residents of Worcester and Central Massachusetts. From newborns to seniors, Saint Vincent Hospital has a wide-range of inpatient and outpatient services, including open-heart surgery, neurosurgery, cardiovascular medicine, orthopedics and the Saint Vincent Cancer and Wellness Center. Saint Vincent Hospital was founded by the Sisters of Providence and has over a century-long tradition of providing quality healthcare. It was the first hospital in Central Massachusetts to offer robotically assisted surgical procedures and minimally invasive, computer-assisted joint replacements. Saint Vincent Hospital is located at 123 Summer Street, Worcester, MA and has a variety of medical group locations throughout the region. To learn more, visit www.stvincenthospital.com.