

SGMC Recognizes Andros with DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing



South Georgia Medical Center honored Kristi Andros, RN, with the September DAISY Award for extraordinary nursing care. Andros was recognized for her advocacy and compassion for a patient in her care.

Andros was nominated by a patient who described her as a hero.

"I once thought heroes wore capes," the nomination reads. "I was wrong; they wear scrubs."

The patient details how his condition worsened during one weekend of his hospital stay. He shares that Andros took notice and called in her nurse manager, charge nurse, and a physician to re-evaluate him. The care team determined that he needed to be relocated to another floor to receive a higher level of care.

"I believe nurse Krisi went way above the normal nursing care," he shares. "She took it upon herself to ensure that I got the best care possible at SGMC."

The patient also describes how Andros came to visit him 4 days later to check on his progress.

"That showed me that she really cares about her patients," he says.

SGMC continues to ask patients and fellow employees to honor nurses they feel go above and beyond in their actions and care. Nominations are reviewed by a committee based on criteria that include compassion, teamwork, leadership, attitude, and skills and knowledge.

DAISY awards are presented monthly in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors. Each honoree receives a certificate commending her or him for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." They also receive a beautiful sculpture called A Healer's Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa. A special floral arrangement of daisies was generously donated by The Flower Gallery, the local sponsor of SGMC's DAISY Award.

To nominate a nurse for the DAISY award, visit sgmc.org/daisy.