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### URMC Recognizes Kalyn Evans, RN with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses

**Thomaston, GA, February 26, 2025** – Upson Regional Medical Center recognized Kalyn Evans, RN with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. Kalyn is a nurse in Upson Regional Medical Center’s ICU.

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by members of the family of Patrick Barnes, a 33-year-old who died of complications related to the auto-immune disease ITP. Patrick’s family came up with the idea for the DAISY Award, as a way to recognize the extraordinary care he and the family received from his nurses throughout his illness. The acronym DAISY stands for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. What began as a thank you from Patrick’s family to nurses has grown into a meaningful recognition program embraced by healthcare organizations around the world.

Kalyn’s numerous nominations from patients and their family members all expressed their gratitude for Kalyn’s friendly and knowledgeable nature.

One nominator shared, “[Kalyn] has been empathetic and sensitive in answering our questions and has shown gentle, loving care for our precious mother. During this frightening and uncertain time, I can’t think of any single nurse I would rather have with my mom and with us. My 17-year old daughter plans to go to nursing school, and I pray she turns out to be exactly the kind of nurse that Kalyn is.”

Another mentioned, “I was so scared and didn’t understand what was happening to me. [Kalyn] paused, looked at me, and smiled and as she explained what was happening. She paused often to ask if I had any questions, all while smiling and making sure I was ok.”

Upson Regional Medical Center CNO Lane Harrington shared, “Nurses like Kalyn set an extraordinary example for all URMCC nurses. Her compassionate nature and caring spirit create the kind experience that all of our patients deserve. We are lucky to have Kalyn as a part of the URMCC team.”

Nominations for the DAISY Award can be submitted online at [urmc.org](http://urmc.org), or in person at Upson Regional Medical Center.