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# We've picked a DAISY!



University of Maryland  
St. Joseph Medical Center  
is proud to present  
the DAISY Award to  
Pediatric Nurse **Donna  
Durant, RN.**

Donna was recognized  
for showing exceptional  
care and empathy that

profoundly affected a young  
patient and her family.

DAISY winner  
Donna Durant, RN,  
proudly poses  
with her award.

*From M.E., the patient's father:*

It is impossible to fully predict the  
support or comfort you may need  
during a time of great stress and

uncertainty. But it is remarkable when someone  
exceeds your needs and cares for you in a way  
beyond what you could've imagined.

After the delivery of our daughter three full weeks  
early, my wife had to be readmitted due

to complications and I was left caring for our  
newborn for several days on the Pediatrics Unit.  
The nights were very difficult. My wife was stressed  
and upset being separated from me and our baby,  
and I was left taxed with caring for our newborn  
by myself. This is where our nurse Donna stepped  
in. Not only did she handle several late night  
feedings and care allowing me to rest and recover,  
she showered our daughter Grace with a care and  
deep affection far beyond what we expected.

On a personal level, she deeply related to the  
stresses we were going through being separated  
not only as a married couple, but as a mother from  
her newborn daughter, and as parents from our  
other children at home.

The comfort and reassurance she provided gave us  
a profound peace and will forever be lasting in our  
lives. We are grateful for her impact on our daughter  
and our family.

*Thank you, Donna!*

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