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We've picked a DAISY!

University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center is proud to present the DAISY Award to Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) Nurse **Kelly McKew, RN**.

Kelly was recognized by a patient for the long-lasting impact of her exceptional compassion and care she provided during her patient's recovery.

From patient B. Y.:

Kelly was one of my nurses after surgery and she was fantastic! She was very attentive and caring! Her sweet demeanor was a comfort and brought me so much relief during my recovery. She checked on me constantly and went above and beyond to get me anything I needed. I was in recovery for eight hours longer than anticipated. She made sure to keep my parents updated and even made arrangements to have someone get my cell phone out of the car for me. I really appreciate her presence in my life that day. I never once felt fear or nervousness for the extra time in recovery. Kelly's reassurance and care kept me so comforted that fear never had a chance to creep in.

I truly believe you meet everyone for a reason. God knew Kelly was exactly who I needed that day and I'm grateful He let us cross paths that day. She is most deserving of this award! It's a tough and thankless job. I got to see firsthand what these nurses deal with during my nine hours in that recovery room. They are a blessing to this world!

One thing that makes Kelly a special nominee for this award is that you can tell nursing isn't what she does, it's who she is. She was clearly drawn to this career because of her desire to care, serve and help others. Doctors may be the hands of the medical system, but nurses are the heart beat.

I didn't even know this DAISY Award existed until now. I happened to be looking through St. Joseph's website and stumbled across it. If I knew about it earlier, I would have nominated Kelly a while back. My surgery was almost one year ago, and I still think about the awesome level of care I received from her to this day. That says a lot about her and how memorable and impressionable she is. I highly recommend UM SJMC to anyone looking for top-notch medical care.

To Kelly, thank you for your loving care of me. Not all angels wear wings, sometimes they are dressed in scrubs. Thanks for all you do!



DAISY winner Kelly McKew, RN, proudly poses with her award.

Thank you, Kelly!

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