

JULY 2020

We've picked a DAISY!



Judy humbly accepts her well-deserved DAISY Award.

University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center is proud to present the DAISY Award to Wound Ostomy Nurse **Judy Stasuk, RN**. Judy was nominated by

one of her peers for her above-and-beyond efforts to meet a patient's special request during the COVID-19 pandemic:

AS COVID-19 WAS RAMPING UP, a UM St. Joseph patient with a complicated medical history and wound was feeling the effects of being cooped up and isolated in the hospital and anticipating a transition to a skilled nursing facility, were she would continue to be room-bound and without visitors for perhaps a long time. Nurse Judy Stasuk recognized the patient's apprehension and put a plan in motion that give the patient some much-needed time outdoors in the fresh spring air. Unfortunately, Judy met with several roadblocks, including a

perception that patients are not allowed outside and that a provider order was needed to do this. These challenges did not deter Judy in the least. She continued to advocate for the patient, checking policies and talking with leaders to garner the support needed to give this anxious patient the much-needed gift of time outdoors. Understandably, the patient was thrilled at the prospect of spending time in fresh air and sunshine—even more so when Judy promised to be with her when this happened.

Judy prevailed. The day was sunny, the patient was ecstatic and she thoroughly enjoyed her time outside assisted by a nurse who strongly advocated for the best medicine we could provide: TLC! Judy's efforts embody UM St. Joseph's calling to provide loving service and compassionate care and exemplify the role of the nurse as the patient advocate. I am certain this patient, now discharged from the hospital, is continuing to share the story about the nurse at UM St. Joseph who made a tremendous difference in her care. *Thank you, Judy.*

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