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# We've picked a DAISY!



University of Maryland  
St. Joseph Medical  
Center is proud to  
present the DAISY  
Award to Orthopaedic  
Nurse **Sandra  
Simmons, RN.**

Patient family  
member Miriam L.

nominated Sandra for this special recognition,  
touched by her demonstration of caring and  
compassion during her mother's recovery from  
surgery:

SANDRA TOOK SUCH EXCELLENT CARE of my  
mother after her recent surgery. My mother  
ended up having some small post-surgical  
complications that resulted in an unexpected  
overnight stay. Neither our family nor my  
mother were prepared for her to have to stay  
in the hospital, which caused some anxiety on  
our part.

Nurses like Sandra  
are truly a gift to patients  
and their families  
during trying times.

From the moment my mother ended up in  
Sandra's care, we felt at ease. Sandra was warm,  
diligent, attentive, responsive and caring. She  
constantly checked up on my mother, proactively  
offering things to make her more comfortable.

Although I had felt very uncomfortable leaving  
my mother overnight alone (due to COVID-19  
restrictions, which prevented overnight visitors),  
as soon as I met Sandra and saw how relaxed  
my mother was with her around, I was able to  
go home and get a good night's rest, knowing  
that my mother was in great hands. Nurses  
like Sandra are truly a gift to patients and their  
families during trying times.

## The DAISY Award®

celebrates nurses who provide extraordinary, compassionate and skillful care every day.  
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