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Leah Nicoara Chosen as DAISY Award Winner at SRMC

Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) recognized Leah Nicoara, BSN, RN, as its sixth DAISY Award winner, since starting the program in mid-2024. This national award was created by family members of patient J. Patrick Barnes, to recognize outstanding nurses across the country who go above and beyond in providing compassionate care along the patient care journey.

Nicoara, a registered nurse on the Tower 2 nursing unit, was nominated by a co-worker.

Her co-worker wrote, “Leah consistently goes above and beyond for her patients, providing not only excellent clinical care, but also genuine kindness and comfort that make a lasting impact on patients and families. She is a true team player and is always willing to step in and help; whether it’s lending a hand, offering support or sharing knowledge.”



Leah Nicoara

“Leah is a nurse who is so deserving of this award,” added SRMC Director of Nursing Leigh Knife, MSN, RN. “She leads by example and exhibits high levels of compassion with her patients. We are proud to have her representing Salem Regional Medical Center.”

As a DAISY Award winner, Nicoara received a special certificate and a \$100 award given on behalf of the George Kimble Scholarship established in 2012 in memory of past SRMC patient George H. Kimble.

“We launched the DAISY Award program to honor and recognize the excellent care that our nurses are practicing, and to highlight those who demonstrate our organization’s ICARE values of Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence,” Knife continued.

To nominate an SRMC nurse for a DAISY Award, visit www.salemregional.com/patient-visitor-info/patient-information.