



Christy Martin Chosen as DAISY Award Winner at SRMC

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Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) recognized Christy Martin, RN, as its ninth 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.

Martin, a nurse in the hospital's Perioperative Services Department, was nominated by a patient.

Her nominator wrote, "Christy recently assisted with my care during a procedure. While all the staff members I encountered were patient, friendly and helpful, Christy went out of her way to help me to relax and relieve my anxiety. I appreciated her support very much."

"Christy truly exemplifies the DAISY Award through her professionalism and dedication to patient comfort," said Leigh Knife, MSN, RN, SRMC Director of Nursing. "Her kindness and ability to put patients at ease reflect the core values of our nursing team."

As a DAISY Award winner, Martin 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.



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