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Surprise Daisy Winners Honored at Luncheon

The DAISY Foundation established the DAISY awards to recognize nurses and the importance of their work. Children's honored all its DAISY Award winners from 2012 through April 2013 at a luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta at Perimeter Center Thursday, May 9.

Two surprise DAISY winners, **Lyndsey McDonald** and **Doris Berry**, also joined the ranks of this year's honorees.

Lyndsey McDonald: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Center-Neurology
When Lyndsey McDonald had a 3-year-old patient with a debilitating terminal illness, she did all she could to not only make the girl more comfortable, but to also provide her with the best childhood possible. Lyndsey arranged a princess birthday party with family and staff. She regularly took the patient to the garden despite multiple lines and equipment. And after six months in the PICU, when the girl was clearly losing her battle with her disease, Lyndsey worked to support her primary nurses and staff who'd spent so much time with the little girl and her family.

Doris Berry: Staff Nurse – Resource, Inpatient Nursing Unit, Hughes Spalding

Doris Berry's colleagues call her the "go to" person for nursing staff at Hughes Spalding. The 29-year-nursing veteran always has time to help colleagues, precept new nursing staff and pamper "her babies"—Hughes Spalding's youngest patients. When ED volume is especially high and the in-patient unit is extra-busy, Doris handles the stress "with self-assurance and grace," according to Charlene Roberts, Director, Patient Care Services, and Shari Baker, Manager, Clinical Operations. Charlene and Shari joke that the one day Doris won't work overtime is Wednesday, her weekly hair appointment. They write of her, "[Doris] makes being a nurse look easy every day ... and her hair always looks good while she is doing it!"

Image: Lyndsey and Doris pose with their DAISY bouquets and awards.

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