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Dez O'Brien Receives DAISY Award at Asante Three Rivers

The most recent DAISY Award winner at Asante Three Rivers is Desiree (Dez) O'Brien, a Family Birth Center nurse who was nominated by the sister of a woman who had a post-partum medical issue while her other children were visiting their new sibling for the first time.



"When Dez discovered my sister was having a medical situation, she was very cognizant of the children (ages 4-12) being in the room and handled the situation with such professionalism," the patient's sister wrote on the DAISY nomination form. "She maintained my sister's privacy the entire time. Her composed manner kept my sister relaxed during what could have been a very scary time."

The woman – who also is a nurse – wrote that Dez let the other children know at an appropriate time that they should leave the room, without letting on that anything was wrong. The children said good-bye to their mother, than Dez "jumped back into action" to address the medical condition.

"Dez exemplifies what nursing is all about," the woman wrote on the nomination form. "She not only looked at my sister as the patient, but she took into account her family. She showered my sister with kindness, compassion and respect. I can say with 100 percent certainty that Dez made a lasting impression on my sister and our family."

Patients and others may nominate nurses for [DAISY Awards](#) for Extraordinary Nurses, based on factors including care of and compassion for patients and their loved ones. DAISY is an international program that rewards and celebrates the clinical skills and the compassionate care given by nurses every day.

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999, in honor of Patrick Barnes, who died in Seattle of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura. His parents created the DAISY Foundation (DAISY is an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system) to recognize nurses for the exceptional care they provided their son during his illness, and hospitals across the country have since adopted the program.

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