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PRESS RELEASE

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland Honors Melissa Albert with DAISY Award

HIGHLAND— Melissa Albert, RN and manager of the wound care center at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland, was recently recognized with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's nationwide program to recognize the superhuman efforts nurses perform every day.

She was recognized by a patient for her compassion and care. The patient shared, "I am convinced she is an angel. Ms. Melissa took her time with me with her calming voice to reassure me that I would get through this. She changed my life, and I can't thank her enough."

Nominations for future DAISY and other awards at St. Joseph's Hospital continue to be accepted. Patients and visitors are encouraged to share and submit their story of witnessing excellent and compassionate care from staff. Award descriptions and an online nomination form can be found at <u>hshs.org/StJosephsHighland/Patients-Guests/Recognize-a-Colleague</u>.

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Photo Caption: Teresa Cornelius (right), chief nursing officer, presents Melissa Albert (left), RN and manager of the wound care center, with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland. (*Masks were removed temporarily for photo.*)

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