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## **THE DAISY FOUNDATION™ AND BLACK NURSES ROCK ANNOUNCE SUPPORTIVE ASSOCIATION COLLABORATION**

September 23, 2020 (Glen Ellen, CA) – The DAISY Foundation™ and Black Nurses Rock Foundation (BNRF) announced their mutual support today.

The DAISY Foundation is excited to welcome BNRF to The DAISY Community of Supportive Associations and believes their partnership is a perfect fit to mutually support health equity initiatives including recognizing nurses around the world who deliver compassionate care to the most vulnerable communities. Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Co-founder and CEO of The DAISY Foundation, “We are thrilled to welcome Black Nurses Rock to DAISY’s Supportive Association community. Their ‘boots on the ground’ work is so deserving of DAISY recognition, and we look forward to announcing the work we will do together.”

Dr. Bruce Walker, PhD, MSN, RN, President of BNR Foundation added "Our Foundation is eager to work together with the DAISY community of associations in recognizing excellence in nursing. The mission of Black Nurses Rock Foundation is to serve and educate the vulnerable communities. Our nurses find great satisfaction by delivering care and addressing the impact of the extraordinary circumstancing created by COVID-19 in the community. It will be a great honor to partner with DAISY to facilitate better recognition, education and more compassionate care.”

### About The DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. (DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.) The care Patrick and his family received from Nurses while he was ill inspired the creation of The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary

Nurses, an evidenced-based means of providing Nurse recognition and thanking Nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

In addition to the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 4,500 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition of direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nurses Advancing Health Equity, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, Medical Mission Grants their new Health Equity Grant program. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

#### About Black Nurses Rock

Black Nurses Rock Inc, founded in 2014 by Dr. Romeatrius Moss, is an organization with a focus to foster a positive environment of professional growth and development. They provide support and mentorship to nurses to elevate the profession and improve their communities. As the trusted voice for Black Nurses, they not only facilitate communication, but also act as a catalyst of change, bringing light and life to vital issues. Black Nurses Rock is the second national black nurse organization and represents over 174,000 African American nurses and students from the USA, Canada, Eastern Caribbean, Africa, Japan, and Germany.

More information available at <https://blacknursesrock.net/>

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