



February 2018

**Recipient: Abbey Fordyce, RN, Hospice
Nomination submitted by Patient's family**

My family and I would like to nominate Abbey Fordyce for her compassionate care for our family member; husband, father, brother and grandfather. He had been battling cancer for quite some time. Near the end it took a toll on him. He decided he wanted to be in the comfort of his own home filled with the ones he loved for his remaining time here with us on earth. Therefore he chose to go on hospice.

I feel that hospice nurses don't get the recognition they deserve. Hospice matters! The end of life deserves as much beauty, care and respect as the beginning. He passed away on January 23rd 2018. Abbey was the hospice nurse that showed up that evening after we called in about his passing. She was also the nurse a few times prior to that, and was able to spend time with him while he was still with us. My family and I couldn't stop talking about what an amazing nurse he had. Abbey was so kind hearted, had that loving touch, made us feel loved, comforted and made sure we didn't have to worry about a thing! She took care of it all! We truly believe Abbey deserves the daisy award and is recognized for her outstanding work ethic and caring heart! The entire hospice staff is filled with God's loving angels!

Love his family from West Salem, WI



Betty Jorgenson, RN,
Nursing Administrator

Kelly Sikkink, RN, Director

**DAISY Recipient,
Abbey Fordyce, RN**

Jennifer Piper, RN, Supervisor

Jason Fratzke, RN,
Chief Nursing Officer



Comments from Kelly Sikkink, Director:

Abbey interviewed for the Hospice position in SWWI, before graduating from her nursing program. She had been shadowing as a student nurse in Mankato's Hospice program and loved it!

Abbey shared that her mother was also a Hospice Nurse and how rewarding it was for her.

Throughout the interview Abbey shared examples of helping the community, reaching out to homeless individuals by offering food and winter clothing items that she stocked in her car, and this "soon to be nurse" was interested in relocating to La Crosse! As a new nurse, Abbey was mentored by Jenna Dettmering RN (former Daisy Nurse nominee) and together they worked the pm/on call shifts.

Abbey represents the Hospice interdisciplinary team very well - in person or by phone- ensuring our patients and families have individualized, quality, compassionate, and respectful care at end of life.

Abbey is also chairing the Hospice Employee Wellness Committee, focused on combating compassion fatigue in Hospice and promoting self-care, team care, and having fun as a team!

Comments from Jennifer Piper, Supervisor:

Abbey has the most genuine and caring heart I have ever known in a person. She is a new nurse, but already embodies what it truly means to be a nurse and to uphold the Mayo values of RICH TIES. Respect, healing, & caring come naturally to Abbey and she exudes compassion towards her patients and their families. She brings a calm presence with her every day to work that translates to everyone she meets. I could not be prouder of Abbey for receiving this nomination, and I believe this award is well-deserved by Abbey.

