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## **DR. SUSAN HASSMILLER WINS THE HEALTHIMPACT DAISY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR POLICY**

September 12, 2022 (Oakland, CA) – *HealthImpact* and The DAISY Foundation™ today honored Dr. Susan Hassmiller PhD, RN, FAAN with a Lifetime Achievement award for advancing compassion through policy.

This recognition was created in 2020 to honor nurses whose work in policy advances compassionate care that improves the health of populations. Dr. Hassmiller is the first to receive the Lifetime designation as she has dedicated her career to strengthening the nursing profession through strategic policy advocacy. Her tireless pursuit of meaningful change has had a profound impact on the nation's health and healthcare.

Her lifetime commitment to public health and nursing policy includes initiatives with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the American Association of Retired Persons, the U.S. Public Health Service Primary Care Policy Fellowship, the National Academy of Medicine, the American Red Cross and she recently became a member of the International Coaching Federation (ICF). Additionally, in recognition of her outstanding service on behalf of nursing, Dr. Hassmiller has received many awards and four honorary doctorates, including the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest international honor given to a nurse by the International Committee of the Red Cross. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, where she holds the Living Legend status.

An expert from one of her nominations stated, "Her work in health policy at the local, state, and national levels have lifted nursing's voice so that all nations in the world have listened and many have advocated for the expanded role of the professional nurse."

Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, Co-founder of The DAISY Foundation, ““We at DAISY stand in awe of Sue’s contributions to our nation’s health. We are wildly grateful for her support for our mission of gratitude for compassionate care and are so proud that she is now a DAISY Nurse!”

Garrett Chan, PhD, APRN, FAAN, President and CEO of HealthImpact added, “Dr. Hassmiller’s lifetime service to the public through the advancement of health equity and the nursing profession serves as inspiration and a reminder that each of us can contribute to improving health through compassionate policy work. We honor and thank Dr. Hassmiller for the tremendous contributions that have improved the world we live, work, and play in.”

HealthImpact and The DAISY Foundation are honored to bestow this award to her illustrious career that has impacted so many.

#### 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 5,400 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition of direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and through the J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects and Medical Mission Grants. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

#### About HealthImpact

*HealthImpact* is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to transforming nursing to advance the health of Californians. Founded in 2001 as the designated state nursing workforce center for California, *HealthImpact* has a strong and successful history in California and nationally in engaging diverse stakeholders addressing workforce issues, developing solutions, and implementing programs through collaborative effort. Working in partnership with leaders from academic institutions, health care providers that employ RNs, health care associations, funders, policy makers, and workforce development boards, the scope of work has included focused effort addressing the supply, demand, and

capability of the current and future nursing workforce. More information is available at <https://healthimpact.org/>

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