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GMHA Honors Excellence in Nursing at Inaugural DAISY Award Ceremony

(Tuesday, November 18, 2025; Tamuning, Guam) The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) hosted its inaugural DAISY Award Ceremony, recognizing 33 exemplary nurses whose compassion, dedication, and skill have left lasting impressions on the patients and families they serve. The ceremony also honored Danica Dianzon, Hospital Staff Nurse I – Clinical Level II of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), as GMHA's first DAISY Award honoree.

"Our nurses bring compassion, calm, and comfort into some of the hardest moments our patients and families face. The small acts of kindness and strength you show every day may go unseen, but they matter deeply," Dr. Joleen M. Aguon, Interim CEO and Administrator, said. "Today's nominees were remembered because someone felt truly cared for. That is powerful. As we work to strengthen GMH for the future, know that you are not just part of the mission; you *are* the mission. Thank you for your compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our patients and our island."

The DAISY Award provides patients, families, and colleagues the opportunity to honor nurses who consistently deliver compassionate and skillful care. More than a recognition program, it helps strengthen a culture of gratitude within healthcare settings, supporting the work environment and uplifting patient care.

GMHA's inaugural honoree, Danica Dianzon, began her nursing career at the hospital last year in the ICU. A 2024 graduate of the University of Guam, she completed her ICU residency before joining the team full-time. Dianzon is admired by her peers and leaders for her positive attitude, her eagerness to take on challenges, and the kindness she brings to every interaction.

"I'm overwhelmed and grateful for everybody who helped me get this award," Dianzon shared. "I just started last year, and being in the ICU isn't always easy. It takes the whole team. They have helped me grow and get here. Thank you."

This year's 33 nominees represent departments across the hospital, including the Intensive Care Unit, Progressive Care Unit, Radiology, Special Services, the Surgical Unit, Labor and Delivery, and the Neonatal

Intensive Care Unit. The DAISY Award initiative reflects GMHA's ongoing commitment to supporting and retaining its nursing workforce, who serve as the backbone of the hospital's patient care mission.

"As a nurse, I understand both the wins and the challenges you face," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "Nursing is a calling that demands skill, compassion, and enormous heart, and each of you embodies those qualities every day. Thank you for the care you provide, the comfort you bring to our patients and families, and the strength you show in even the toughest moments. This is our first DAISY Award ceremony, but it is only the beginning of many more opportunities to honor the incredible work you do."

"Your work is so special, and it's important that we recognize you for it," added Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio. "You care for our community in its most vulnerable moments, and you do it with grace, commitment, and humanity. Today's celebration is a reminder of just how vital you are to our hospital and to our island. Congratulations to all the nominees and to our very first DAISY Award honoree. We are proud of you."

The ceremony was made possible through the efforts of Nursing Services and the support of the GMH Volunteers Association.

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