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**University Physicians Hospital Presents First DAISY  
Award**

***Megan Franklin-Eggman R.N. Honored as an Outstanding Nurse***

**TUCSON, Ariz. (May 6, 2010)** – University Physicians Hospital has joined over 50 health care organizations nationwide in honoring excellence in nursing through the DAISY Awards. The first award was given to Megan Franklin-Eggman R.N., a nurse at UPH Hospital. The DAISY Award program was inaugurated at UPH Hospital to coincide with National Nurses Week, May 6, 2010 to May 12, 2010. One outstanding nurse will be selected each month to receive the award.

Megan has been with UPH since 2005. Initially, she was a customer service representative, and joined the nursing staff upon completing her education in 2008. She currently serves on the medical surgical staff at UPH Hospital.

“Megan exemplifies our values and everything the DAISY Award stands for,” said Jean Fedigan, chief nursing officer at UPH Hospital. “She provides compassionate care, goes above and beyond in patient service, and is constantly pushing herself and others toward our commitment of excellence. We are honored to have her as part of the UPH family and pleased to make her our first DAISY Award recipient.”

The DAISY Award recognizes clinical skills, compassion and care exhibited by nurses every day. The UPH award recipients are recognized in a public ceremony and receive a hand-carved African stone sculpture entitled *A Healer’s Touch*.

UPH Hospital is honoring all nurses during National Nurses Week. They are celebrating the work of their entire nursing staff at a Nursing Breakfast, May 13, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 at UPH Hospital. “Our nurses make a difference in the lives of our patients every day. Their compassion and care are crucial to the healing process and their work is vital to everything we do here,” said Diane Rafferty, chief executive officer at UPH Hospital.

UPH is a nonprofit corporation created in 1985 as the medical practice of the physicians of the UA College of Medicine. Together, UPH, The University of Arizona, UPH Hospital and University Medical Center work to care for patients, educate medical students, train young physicians

and conduct clinical research. With over 400 physicians and 2000 staff, UPH is Arizona's largest physicians group. More information is available at [UPH.org](http://UPH.org)