

# Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence

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## **Rebecca Pawlik** *13K Surgical Medical Oncology*

### **A patient's mother submitted the following nomination...**

My daughter was admitted to 13K. She had terminal cancer in her liver. Rebecca was our nurse Sunday night. My daughter was demonstrating the first stages of the end of her life and I didn't know what was happening, Rebecca was extraordinary in her care of my daughter, and her support and care for me. She worked and worked and worked on administering pain meds for my daughter, helping me in assisting my daughter's behaviors, and ultimately called in a doctor in the middle of the night to advise. She was doing everything that could be done to make my daughter comfortable, and the doctor concurred. The only option was to keep her comfortable. Monday night at change of shift I saw Rebecca on the computer in the hallway and asked her if she "got us again." Praise God, she had. She was with us Monday night, through everything, ultimately leading to my daughter passing peacefully Tuesday morning. I have never met a nurse as caring, compassionate, knowledgeable and competent as Rebecca. She never intruded, yet ensured all of us that she would get us anything that we desired/needed. She was the one to pat my back as I was grieving and the one to show me true, genuine concern as I was there watching my daughter pass away. Due to her extraordinary treatment of my daughter and me, I survived and made it through those two nights. She was professional, considerate, and always answered my questions as truthfully, yet delicately as possible. She never once stepped out of her role as "nurse," yet made me feel like our room was the only room that existed on those two nights. Somehow she knew when we needed her, and knew when we didn't, and everything in between. She will always be an Angel of Mercy to me.

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