The **DAISY Award** honors extraordinary, compassionate care in nursing and the super-human work nurses do for patients and families every day. This National Nurses Month, Kaiser Permanente South Bay is proud to recognize 2 exceptional nurses with the DAISY Award.

**Daniel Anene, RN** – Post-Anesthesia Care Unit

When Gloria Gray, chair of the board for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, underwent shoulder surgery in April 2021, she expected to be released from South Bay Medical Center the day after the procedure. However, due to a complication with pain, she ended up staying a few more days in the hospital.

“Being in the hospital during the pandemic can be a very lonely, scary, and stressful experience,” Gloria recalls. “Fortunately for me, that was not my experience. I received the most outstanding care from the [post-anesthesia care unit] staff, especially from [nurse] Daniel Anene. Daniel treated me with so much compassion, care, and patience. He truly went out of his way to make me feel at ease, ensure that I was comfortable and was very attentive and thorough. As difficult as it was for my family not to be by my side, they were comforted knowing that I was well cared for throughout my recovery.”

**Shaunna Aguet-Lightfoot, RN** – Torrance Medical Offices

The sudden appearance of COVID in 2020 forced health care workers to quickly adapt to the unknown while still providing quality care. Celia Rawlins, department administrator for Torrance Medical Offices, is especially thankful for one nurse who showed incredible leadership and patient-focused connection despite all the challenges.

Celia will never forget Shaunna’s instrumental contributions to helping convert primary care services to virtual care; pre-screening patients; implementing drive-through testing and Respiratory Triage Areas; and conducting safety rounding to share the most current information and ensure that everyone was following protective practices. She did all this while providing supportive care to patients and families.

“[Shaunna] is truly a compassionate Nurse Hero!” says Celia. “She gave of herself when there was nothing left to give, somehow continued day after day, and she is unquestionably a knight in shining armor!”