

In your own words, why does your nominee deserve recognition as a CNN Hero?

According to us, Patrycja Ziolkowska deserves great recognition. Patricia is someone who created an association in 2007, called "O'Soleil". At first, this association was in Belgium and all began thanks to a gala match. Then she arrived in Roquebrune in solo. It is situated in the south of France. There, she continued this movement. Owing to her generosity, and her big heart, Patrycja has decided to help young children suffering from serious diseases. Indeed Patrycja wanted to help people in France. Because her neighbors are concerned, she thinks that we must help children because they represent our future and they need our help. To help them, she devotes much of her free time to organize gala matches. Her goal is to give fun and to find donations too, in order to help their parents. Patrycja is trying to make the world better. During "Euro Soccer Championship 2012", the advertisement of the association "O'soleil" was broadcast on the big screen of the stadium, so that a lot of people called Patrycja to help her association. But it is still not enough.

Is there a specific incident or turning point that motivated your nominee to take action?

When we met Patrycja for the first time, she explained to us that she didn't know any incident which had motivated her to take action. However, she said that, it is her personality. She was born to help people in difficulty and she said that the population should stick more together in bad situations. She hopes that if she were in trouble in the future, someone would help her.

How have your nominee's efforts made a difference for the better?

Our nominee has made a difference for the better, because she has never hesitated to do, what she wanted. Indeed, she has already planned lots of gala matches in France to help young children who suffer from serious diseases or who are disabled. Thanks to the matches, she is able to help the children as well as their families morally. She also helps them at a financial level to pay for the really expensive operations of their children. In a way, we can go as far as saying that Patrycja increases the disabled children's life expectancy.

Is there anything else that makes your nominee exceptional or unique?

There is something else that makes our nominee someone very exceptional. Indeed, in spite of her job, she devotes all her free time to the association. Because the association needs money, Patrycja does all her best to find donations. For example when they make matches, they also sell t-shirts, they organise barbecue parties. They try to be better known by people. Thanks to Patrycja, many professional sportsmen and sportswomen take part in the group and play many matches around our country, France. It is difficult but Patrycja never gives up. The children who need her make her go on.

How will being recognized as a CNN Hero further your nominee's cause?

If Patrycja is elected CNN hero, she will create some jobs, hire people and have a more efficiently organized association. The money will permit to finance more gala matches, and help more children. "O'Soleil" will be known worldwide which is, we think, what it deserves.