

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

My nominee is Miss Thebault. In our school, Saint Joseph, (in Roquebrune Cap Martin, in the South of France), she works as the Chief Education Adviser. She deserves recognition because she is so great and she has a big heart. She is a member of the "Aspa Association". This association particularly helps people in Burkina Faso. Last year she travelled to Dano with a student to see the achievement of the projects financed by the association: the building of schools and dry toilets. She also personally offered children the pens and pencils she had collected at school. She saw for real the very bad conditions of living of the villagers, which motivated her even more. She says : " It's not fair to have a country like this, with alimentary insecurity and so bad conditions." Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world. She really fights against alimentary insecurity. She is revolted by this injustice. So, she acts and raises funds. It's the main reason for her implication in the association. So even if she lives in France she cares for people overseas and that deserves recognition.

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

Since she was young, Miss Thébault has done good around her. So, she has not mentioned a particular turning point. But every year she organizes an event to raise money and *this* is a turning point in some students' minds. She can explain to students from 3 to 18 why she acts and what the money is spent on. On Good Friday, the school restaurant only prepares rice. Students pay the price of a classic meal and they eat a bowl of rice. All the money spent on the meals is donated to the « Aspa Association ».

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

Our nominee is Chief Education Adviser. And she does more than her job. She has a kind ear for anybody who needs one. She is always present when a student or a family needs her. What makes her incredible is the fact that despite her discretion, but with her patience, she has managed, over years, to make thousands of families, students and teachers get involved in the success of the « Aspa Association ». She is exceptional because she gives everything she can but she expects no thanks in return.

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

Thanks to the funds she has raised for the association, schools were built. Then dry toilets were built.

Thanks to another project Miss Thébault is developing, everyone can donate thirty euros a year. With these thirty euros, a child can attend school for an entire year. So children are now going to school thanks to her and they receive a meal a day. Besides, the association also helps the "sidewalk clinic". It is a hospital which accommodates orphans. The association's new project is to fight against food insecurity through the development of irrigated gardening.

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

Being recognized as a CNN hero would further the cause of the association. They would be better known, would raise more money, imagine more projects, send more children to school,

allow more children eat proper meals. Please, consider our nominee's application, for her and for the families she supports.