

**Will Medina Spirit Awards Nomination Form : Entry # 17495****Your name (as the person submitting the nomination)**

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**The nominee's name**

Denise Ambrusko-Maida

**The nominee's business or organization**

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**The nominee's email address**[denise@travelbrilliant.net](mailto:denise@travelbrilliant.net)**The nominee's phone number**

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**For which award are you nominating this person?**

- The Charity/Philanthropy Award

**Please explain why this person should be recognized for this honor. Share specific examples of the nominee's work and the impact on fellow advisors and the travel industry and the public at large. The more information you can share, the clearer picture the judges will have of your nominee's qualifications to be selected!**

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Denise Amrusko-Maida embodies the spirit of the Will Medina Spirit Award through her sustained philanthropic support of GWK Academy, a nonprofit that believes every LGBTQ+ person deserves the chance to turn their dreams of parenthood into reality. While Denise did not create the organization, she has played a meaningful role in advancing its mission by educating LGBTQIA+ families on safe, informed travel and by creating programs that support GWK Academy's work of providing education, resources, inspiration, and guidance throughout the family-building journey.

Through her leadership at Travel Brilliant, Denise has consistently used her platform to advocate for LGBTQIA+ families and to ensure they feel seen, protected, and supported as they travel the world. A cornerstone of this commitment is GWK Spring Break, an annual community-centered travel experience that Denise helps lead and support. More than a vacation, this trip offers LGBTQIA+ families the rare opportunity to travel visibly and safely while surrounded by affirmation and community. For many families, particularly those from regions where their marriages or parental rights are under threat, GWK Spring Break allows their children to experience a world where families like theirs are celebrated and respected.

GWK Spring Break also serves as a fundraiser that directly supports GWK Academy's mission, extending its impact beyond the trip itself. Through education, advocacy, and intentional community building, Denise's work benefits families pursuing parenthood, supports advisors serving LGBTQIA+ travelers, and strengthens the travel industry as a whole. Her commitment to giving back through service, compassion, and action reflects the generosity and leadership that define the legacy of Will Medina.

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