

Will Medina Spirit Awards Nomination Form : Entry # 14675

Your name (as the person submitting the nomination)

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The nominee's name

Lori Stephens

The nominee's business or organization

Sojourney Travel

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!

On October 3rd, Lori Stephens felt led to start getting relief to victims of Hurricane Helene. She heard that donations that were not being arranged through a church were being denied. So she started a fund raising campaign using her personal Venmo to start shopping for relief items that would be put on a truck leaving from their church in the next few days. Lori reached out to friends, family, and those of us in the Travel Industry to help with specific needs such as baby formula, tarps, water, non perishable food, personal hygiene, and so much more. It grew into warm clothing, generators, laptops for a children's home. Donations too numerous to mention. What started out a \$400 in donations to Venmo grew into a monster number and people helped. I don't know if we can yet even quantify how many people Lori's efforts have helped. She took time away from her job as a travel agency owner and agency host to shop, deliver, coordinate, all of the donations both financial, and actual suppliers herself. Lori bravely used all her social media talents and her amazing transparency to get the word out of specific needs and organizations that need help. Each day she is sharing Gifts from God provided to her efforts from people just now seeing her efforts which began on Oct. 3rd within hours of learning of the devastation wreaked by Helene, and now Milton.

We need more Lori Stephens in this world, and that is why I am nominating her for the first ever Will Medina Charity and Philanthropic Award. Will did it scared, and Lori did too! They both accomplished amazing things in a very short amount of time and helped untold numbers of people. Thank you!

Lori's FB <https://www.facebook.com/loriwatsonstephens>

Lori's Tik Tok <https://www.tiktok.com/@sojourneytravel>

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