



## CNN Selects Amy Stokes as First “CNN Hero” of 2011

*Founder of Infinite Family recognized for establishing only mentoring program  
using weekly video conversations to foster long-term nurturing relationships*

CNN today kicked-off its fifth annual “CNN Heroes” campaign, which seeks to identify ordinary individuals who go to extraordinary lengths to serve others, by announcing that it has selected Amy Stokes, Founder and Executive Director of Infinite Family, as the first CNN Hero of 2011. Pioneering an innovative approach to mentoring, Amy has been recognized for her efforts to connect African children affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty with mentors around the world using video technology.

Through Infinite Family, an international organization she founded in 2006, Amy is dedicated to using technology as a way for adults around the world to nurture and support children challenged by HIV/AIDS and poverty who have little support and are faced with few choices. Without the appropriate life-skills and guidance, it would be nearly impossible for these children to grow up to be successful leaders of their families, their communities, and their countries.

A special broadcast tribute, “2011 CNN Heroes: Amy Stokes,” will air according to the following schedule, breaking news contingent (please note that all times given are Eastern Standard Time):

### **Friday, January 14:**

CNN: (\*8am likely) 2pm  
HeadLine News: 6:30am, 6pm (\*8pm likely)  
CNN international: 2am, 7am, 7pm

### **Saturday, January 15:**

CNN: 3pm, 10pm  
HeadLine News: 2pm

### **Monday, January 17:**

CNN en Espanol: 7pm (more airs possible)



CNN Heroes is a multiplatform campaign that shines a spotlight on everyday people who are changing the world. In 2010, the campaign received over 10,000 submissions from more than 100 countries. The Top 10 CNN Heroes will be selected later in the year by an esteemed Blue Ribbon Panel, which in 2010 included the likes of Muhammad Ali, Sir Richard Branson, Chris “Ludacris” Bridges and Ricky Martin, among other humanitarians. For more information on CNN Heroes, please visit [CNN](#) and to see Amy's story visit our [website](#).

Infinite Family salutes your vision, dedication, and commitment. Congratulations, Amy!!!