



THE GIRAFFE HEROES PROJECT

EnCouraging Today's Heroes ~ Training Tomorrow's

FOUR GREAT NEW GIRAFFE HEROES who are helping us end 2015 with a roar. Read why they were commended. Four smashingly brave Giraffes, all women. As a non-profit we honor the risk-takers, people who are largely unknown, people who have the courage to stick their necks out for the common good, in the US and around the world. <http://giraffeheroes.org/>



Nebraska police investigator Kathryn Bolkovac was hired by a security firm to join a UN security force in Bosnia and train local police officers. She soon saw that there was rampant trafficking of girls and women going on, and that some of her fellow UN police officers were involved. When she protested, she was fired and blackballed from international law enforcement. She's now a speaker on the scourge of trafficking and a global advocate for whistleblower protections.

Lovetie Major began home-schooling her sister Titema, who has Down Syndrome, because there was nothing else available for mentally disabled kids in their country, Liberia. That experience led Major to found www.myheartsappeal.org, a multi-national nonprofit that's bringing education and job training to thousands of West Africans who would otherwise have no schooling at all.



Shada Nasser, the first female attorney in Sanaa, the capital of Yemen, went on to found the first all-female law firm in that nation. The daughter of an assassinated activist, Nasser braves a culture that insults and threatens her constantly. Despite every obstacle, and working pro bono, she won a divorce for a Yemeni child who had been married at 9, giving hope to thousands of other child-wives who now seek her as their advocate.

Kavisha Pillay, at all of 23 years old, has taken on no less powerful a person than Jacob Zuma, president now of her country, South Africa. Trained as a journalist, Pillay has told the world that Zuma has used almost \$20 million taxpayer dollars to turn his private home into a veritable palace. She's also reported on other corrupt actions throughout the country, leading many of the nation's powerful to say she should be fired. But the thousands of citizens who have tipped her to corruption they've witnessed are rooting for her to keep going.

