

## Glenna Hartman Reflects on Raising a Good News Ambassador

Behind every good person is a good family—Steve Hartman is a shining example of that. That is why his mother, Glenna, has been chosen as his co-winner in the first Good News Good People selection.



*Glenna Hartman*

Steve, a reporter for CBS News and a Toledo native, would be nothing if not for his mother. And Glenna is clearly extremely proud of the son she raised.

“Steve was perfect as a child,” she said. He was an Eagle Scout (as were his two older brothers) and all three boys attended St. John’s. They also each worked while they were in school to help pay for their tuition.

Glenna said she felt that was very important to help them appreciate their education, and said she and her husband always paid for at least half of the boys’ schooling while they paid the rest.

“The best thing you can buy for your kids is education,”

she said.

Glenna said Steve is the baby of their family; their middle son is a neurosurgeon in Atlanta and their oldest son works for the Postal Service in Sacramento. Steve now lives in New York with his family, but his parents have always called Toledo home.

“I know how to get everywhere,” said Glenna with a laugh when asked why she likes living in Toledo. “My friends are here. And my dog and husband are here.”

She said she shares her son Steve’s passion for seeking out good news. His segments for CBS, which include “Everybody Has a Story” and “Assignment America,” focus on telling the stories of average people from across the country and around the world that provide a bit of a break from the rest of the news.

“There’s so much bad news out there. People always look for some good news in their lives,” she said.

She listed several of the “feel-good” stories Steve has covered as being among her favorites.

“There was a guy who had a violin stand on the side of the road [in Minneapolis] and Steve talked to him,” she said.

She also reflected on a story Steve covered where he visited the local library while he was working in Minneapolis (Glenna isn’t shy about saying she thinks Steve did his best work there). There was a grand piano and three different people used to come in and play it. Steve talked to them all and told their stories—from the piano’s perspective.

Glenna still has tapes of several of Steve’s television appearances.

“He tells very heartwarming stories,” she said. “And I like stories with a laugh.”



*Steve and Glenna Hartman*