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## **Wanda Butts Named One of CNN's Top 10 Heroes of 2012**

Turning tragedy into triumph is the story of Wanda Butts and The Josh Project. When Wanda's son, Josh, drowned in 2006, having little to no water safety experience, Wanda decided to take water safety and education into her own hands by starting The Josh Project. With many children now being educated and their lives saved from drowning, Wanda's impact on the community is not going unnoticed.

CNN has recently released the names and stories of the 10 individuals who have made it to their Top 10 Heroes of 2012, with Wanda Butts, from Toledo, Ohio being one of them. These 10 heroes are from all across the world, and are in the running to win \$250,000 for their organization.

If you are a member of the Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan community or have been at one point in time, then this message is for you. Voters can go to [CNNheroes.com](http://CNNheroes.com) and cast their vote up to 10 times per day for the person and organization they would like to see win. We would like to encourage all of you to show support for your area and for a hero in our own region by voting for Wanda Butts and The Josh Project!

Why you should vote: the prize money won would be used to help people in our own area. With the money, Wanda and The Josh Project would like to build an indoor aquatic complex that could host swim meets, offer lessons, provide water safety education, have a therapy pool and hopefully even waterslides! They would also like to establish a scholarship fund that would be made available to other water safety programs that are happening around the country and possibly even around the world. This would increase the impact of The Josh Project and make water safety available to more children and, in turn, save many more lives.

As members of the Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan community, we need you to not only vote, but to please help us spread the word. Voting is simple. Go to <http://www.cnnheroes.com> and click on "vote now." Choose Wanda Butts as your hero and cast your vote. Remember, you can vote 10 times every day. So spread the word and vote for a hero in our own community.



### **About Attorney Charles E. Boyk**

Charles E. Boyk has been a licensed attorney in the state of Ohio since 1983 and is the founder of the Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. Charles has handled thousands of personal injury cases ranging from small whiplash injuries to wrongful death claims. He is also the co-author of several books including *The Ohio Accident Book*, in which Charles provides information and tools that can help deal with insurance companies and the often inevitable and complicated litigation.

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