Margery Lindon and Julie Son named Superheroes – January 2022 Vision

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Congratulations to our Superhero, Margery Lindon, Service Region Clinical Associate in our Eastern Mountain Service Region!

Margery, who works in Wolfe County, was commended by her nominator for being the lead on the region's Special Investigation Unit.

"She took on the difficult role and task of making face to face with a child who was in the hospital in reference to a near fatality who at the time was so critical it did not appear they would survive," the nominator said. "While this is generally a Social Worker or Supervisor who is making these difficult visits, Ms. Lindon came out of her defined role as a SRCA and volunteered to do it. She also completed a safety plan with the parents and family members as well as got release of information signed for services. It has been a rare experience viewing the needs of the agency."

Working together with allies is also important to Margery. She uses her partnerships and collaboration with others to get the job done. She may not know the answer, but she has been able to make such meaning relationships with colleagues inside and outside the agency she is able to reach out to them to find a solution. "She works hard to ensure commitment to teamwork and positive attitude across the entire region/state to accomplish the goals of the agency."

And Margery has another trait that makes her a Superhero: passion.

"Margery is passionate about the work we do and the staff who do the job as well. She is loyal and fierce in fighting for both the families we serve and the staff that are doing the work."

Congratulations, Margery! We are so grateful to you and proud of your service.

Julie Son Recognized as Team Kentucky All Star and DCBS Superhero

Julie Son of The Lakes Service Region was recently recognized as a Team Kentucky All Star by Gov. Andy Beshear and as a DCBS Superhero for her service to her community and her neighbors.

Julie Son and her son, Michael Drennan

Gov. Andy Beshear featured Julie, a Field Services Supervisor in Caldwell County, and her 16-year-old son, Michael Drennan, in his annual Budget Address to the Commonwealth on Jan. 13 for coming to the aid of her Princeton neighbors immediately after tornadoes ravaged their community on Dec. 10.

As soon as the storm passed through the area, Julie and Michael searched the neighborhood in to find survivors.

"They heard a gentleman crying out for help to escape from a collapsed home that still had 12 people trapped in the basement," Gov. Beshear described. "They searched through the debris to rescue them all, including five kids, one just 3 months old. Julie then provided shelter for so many of the survivors."

Julie and Michael brought these individuals to their home where they wrapped them in blankets, provided first-aid kits, goodie bags and shelter. Some stayed until they were reunited with other family members, while others were taken to a medical location for treatment.

At this point of the storm, there was no easy way for rescue teams to access their location due to downed trees, powerlines and debris. Julie and Michael continued to search for and save as many people as possible. Unfortunately, they know of four people that died in their immediate area of the neighborhood.

And, he said, she was back to work at the office Monday morning with her team to assist the influx of in-person customers at the two DCBS offices that she supervises in Caldwell and Lyon counties. Days later she developed bronchitis from being out in the elements of the storm and took a few days off. While the foot traffic at these offices has not been overwhelming, her team was and is prepared.

Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub said she was honored to meet Julie on a visit to western Kentucky.

"I am so glad she is being lifted for her humanity and great courage. Not all heroes wear capes, and she is certainly one of ours."

How to Nominate for the DCBS Superhero Award
Anyone can nominate. Please make a nomination of a deserving colleague. Learn more about the Superhero Award here. Get the Superhero Award nomination form here.