

Richmond Arquette's tribute to his sister, Patricia Arquette, following her receiving a Golden Globe Award for her work in the film, "Boyhood" on January 11, 2014

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People keep asking me if I'm proud of our sister, Patricia.

I know that the Golden Globes and SAG Award and all of the other awards she's been reaping are not humanitarian awards, but I want to share a bit of who she is.

I've been to Haiti three times to volunteer for her charity, GiveLove.org. That's less than one tenth of the amount of trips Patricia has been there. And she's spent far more time in LA working for that charity, with no pay. She has been incredibly dedicated, and the organization has done incredible work, with the donations going directly to the work on the ground as conducted by an all-Haitian paid staff of dedicated, hard-working good people. We built and donated temporary housing out of revamped shipping containers which housed scores of orphans. Later, when more permanent housing was built for the kids the GiveLove buildings were converted into full time school buildings for them. GiveLove operates a network of compost toilets that have given people in Haiti environmentally friendly toilets to use and which have reduced the spread of disease. All Patricia's passion. This is who she is.

A couple of years ago she and I were at the Mermaid parade at Coney Island. It was incredibly hot and crowded. Suddenly Patricia leapt forward. Amongst the thousands of people there she was the only one who noticed a mother whose child had passed out from the heat in her stroller. Patricia acted like Patton moving through Africa, moving people out of the way and single-handedly getting that woman and her child to a paramedics station when no one else had even noticed. This is who she is.

When I had emergency surgery last year to have my gallbladder removed Patricia used my time in the hospital to rush over to my house and clean it, changing my sheets, scrubbing down my bathroom and filling my fridge with healthy food for my return. And she has done as much for many many friends and others. This is who she is.

Proud? Proud isn't really the right word, what I am is extremely happy for her and gratified that people are giving her her fair due. I am humbled to be her brother. I love her and our siblings Rosanna, Alexis and David more than I could possibly express in words. I am so incredibly moved that she is receiving acclaim.

If you care to, if you feel inspired, a good way to share your own joy at her success would be to make a donation to her charity: GiveLove.org.