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NICOLE LAPIN FROM CNN TALKS ABOUT HER SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND FRIENDSHIP

Nicole Lapin, a regular correspondent for CNN Headline News, has spent years crossing the country on assignment sits down to talk about her best friend, L.A.-based designer Alison Muh.

"She's just as committed to her career as I am," Lapin says. "Even though we work in different fields, there are many synergistic ways that having a friendship like that works."

When no other source of strength will do, check-in phonecalls from Muh have steadied Lapin for her investigative ventures into crack houses. They have also braced her against shallow news-blog flak about Lapin's appearance or twentysomething age. "We have a saying: 'Use your invincible shield,'" Lapin says. Then to put it simply: "She makes my job - and my life - better." ❧