

Great Heroes Are Humble

What makes a great hero? Heroes rarely appear in the same form as superheroes on television. What sets them apart are the humble qualities of their character. Heroes emerge when their help is needed, like when Hurricane Dorian ravaged The Bahamas. Every disaster needs heroes.

Heroes are often times ordinary people. They are not wearing capes or masks that display superhero symbols. They come in all genders, nationalities and ages too. What is universal is their extraordinary heart and their drive to help others. People become heroes through serving and helping others.

Great heroes are humble, usually thinking of others more frequently than themselves. They are observant and good listeners too, which allows them to focus their efforts exactly where needed. Hurricane Dorian destroyed many people's homes and businesses in Abaco and Grand Bahama. Sadly, some paid the ultimate price and lost their lives. This was a devastating time and heroes showed up.

These heroes demonstrated bravery and humility by putting their own lives at risk to aid others. Some heroes were law enforcement who restored order to the islands. Some were doctors and nurses who gave medical assistance to the injured or sick. Some were people from neighbouring countries who lead rescue operations. Some heroes were builders who came to renovate the islands.

Heroes helped in different ways. Some did not travel to disaster areas but gathered money and supplies to send. People donated toiletries, clothes, blankets, food and more. I learned, through participating in gathering supplies and selling cookies to raise funds, how important it is to help others in whatever way I can. Collective donations benefitted Abaconians and Grand Bahamians tremendously.

To conclude, though the road to recovery is undoubtedly long and hard for The Bahamas, heroes have shortened and lightened the pathway by significantly improving people's quality of life. We must help those less able, especially during times of despair. Heroes do not need superhero gear. The mark of a true hero is their enrichment of people's lives. That is the meaningful sparkle that great heroes inevitably leave behind!