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From: [<daniel.duggan@zacharypost.com>](mailto:daniel.duggan@zacharypost.com)
Subject: 2012 Hometown Hero nominations; \$500 donation to charitable cause
Date: October 10, 2012 10:35:51 AM CDT

Dear friends and colleagues,

As we enter the season of giving, I am writing to ask for your help in honoring the heroes of our community who give throughout the year.

Last week, the Zachary Post / Feliciana Explorer family of newspapers announced the first year of what is planned to be an annual Hometown Heroes contest.

As you may be aware, my family and I, along with every member of my staff, live in the communities we cover. As we attend and report on events throughout the area, we are made aware of individuals whose generosity and selflessness seems to know no limits.

It is our desire at the Zachary Post/Feliciana Explorer to recognize these individuals.

Please consider nominating a hero you know. It requires you to fill out a very easy one-page form and to submit a 500-word essay. Also, please forward this message to anyone who may be in a position to nominate someone.

The individual you nominate could receive the \$500 cash prize to be donated to the charitable organization of his or her choice.

Details, nomination criteria, and nomination instructions are provided below. The deadline for submissions is October 19.

Thank you for your time and the selflessness you yourself are demonstrating by nominating a hero you know.

Sincerely,
Daniel Duggan,
Publisher
Zachary Post / Feliciana Explorer

Contest Details

Nominations will be narrowed down to five finalists based upon entry criteria and impact made.

The stories of these five heroes will be featured in the Post and the Explorer over the course of the next few months. Collectively, we will re-run their stories in the first week of January 2013 in order for the public to vote for the 2012 Hometown Hero.

Criteria for Nomination

To qualify as a Zachary Post/Feliciano Explorer Hometown Hero finalist, nominees must exhibit the following characteristics:

Individuals who exemplify the phrase, "service above self," performing acts of generosity, compassion, courage and/or stewardship beyond typical expectations or job duties.

Individuals whose good works directly benefit the communities of Zachary, East Feliciana Parish, or West Feliciana Parish.

Individuals who inspire others through their actions, not just their words or financial gifts.

Individuals who consistently contribute/d to their community.

Individuals who expect no recognition or reward for their volunteer efforts

Submission Details

Submissions should include the nomination form (click [here](#) to download the PDF form) along with a short essay (500 words) explaining the reasons for nominating this individual. Nomination forms and essays should be emailed to info@zacharypost.com with the subject line "Hometown Heroes."

Deadline for submissions is October 19 at 5 p.m.