

# A PRESENCE AMPLIFIED BY THEIR ABSENCE

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Today when you think on the idea of hero, think not of the all-triumphant athlete, the all-world entertainer or the all-conquering entrepreneur. Instead challenge yourself to remember those who have given their all so that others may live. For there exists no measure of devotion so pure, so absolute and so heroic.

What makes these individuals special is not that they possessed some added reservoir of courage from which to draw...but that they didn't. When tasked with the ultimate test, they simply answered with everything at their disposal. And in doing so, they sacrificed the most precious gift bestowed on them by their creator. So when you think upon those worthy of your adoration, your admiration and your remembrance, think of those whose presence is amplified by their absence. May we all remain humbled by their actions, inspired by their dedication and grateful in their legacy.

## Baltimore Water Taxi is honored to salute all of the Red Cross 2012 Hometown Heroes.

Chairman's Award—Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D.  
Community Impact Award—The Junior League of Baltimore  
Generations of Giving Award—The Paterakis Family  
Homeland Heroes Award—Baltimore County Fire Specialist Jay Ringgold  
Lifetime Achievement Award—Shoshana Shoubin Cardin

