

George Clooney

Successful, Beloved & Human Rights Activist

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George Clooney, tall, dark, ruggedly handsome, witty and intelligent; who could ask for more?... George Clooney's genuine compassion for those in need. Not just another Hollywood "Superstar" George exemplifies how one person with a passion for good can raise awareness to the genocide which is taking place in Darfur and utilize his time and energy to creating change and making a difference.

One could not help but think that this man has it all, however life was not always easy for George. As a young boy, George developed Bell's Palsy, a debilitating condition that partially paralyzes the face. Luckily it went away within a year however he suffered with problems in his left eye and the inability to eat or drink properly. "That was the worst time in my life" he told the Mirror in a 2003 interview. "You know how cruel kids can be. I was mocked and taunted, but the experience made me stronger."

George did not grow bitter from this childhood experience, he learned from it. He understood the opportunity he was given to see what life is like for those less fortunate and can therefore appreciate

how important it is to alleviate suffering wherever and whenever possible.

Our love affair with George started when he set our hearts racing and caused our pulses to beat a bit faster as Dr. Doug Ross on NBC's ER. He became a household name when appearing in the big screen movie "Oceans Eleven."

Although we constantly see pictures of George at Red Carpet events there are other events which are just as important (if not more so) to George's heart. George skipped the Oscars and after parties in order to discuss the crisis in Darfur with President Obama. He has also appeared on Larry King Live to speak about his recent visit to camps where 250,000 refugees live. He said "I don't think people should be going there and coming back saying how it affected them, I think somehow we should all know that these people are hanging on by the skin of their teeth. He has asked Obama to appoint a full time regional envoy who will report directly to the White House and to ask China to set aside its business interests in the region and pressure Sudan to prevent further harm to these people.

George Clooney Opening of the 43rd New York Film Festival with "Good Night, and Good Luck" Avery Fisher hall, Lincoln Center, NYC Photo by: ©Patrick McMullan: Photo-Jimi Celeste/PMc

George Clooney, successful, beloved and human rights activist travels to Darfur with the hopes of engaging the hearts of the world (our hearts) to join him in this quest to bring peace and healing to this region of conflict and pain.



Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes Julia Roberts and George Clooney at The Costume Institute Gala "SUPERHEROES" with honorary chair Giorgio Armani. Photo by: ©Patrick McMullan: Photo-Billy Farrell/PatrickMcMullan.com