

COMMUNITY

Staff puts together a heroic surprise

FOR THE STAR

Hidden Heroes are ordinary people who do small things that make a difference in the lives of other people. Their actions stem from an altruistic inner drive to be of service to their families or their community.

True Hidden Heroes do not seek public recognition for their good deeds because they do not see their actions as anything special. For them it is just the right thing to do.

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Do you know someone like Bill, a person who puts others ahead of themselves, someone who would drop everything to come to the aid of their friends and neighbours?

Our Hidden Heroes would love to hear about them. Email us at bill@ourhiddenheroes.org and we would be happy to recognize them in a future column.

As for this week's Hidden Hero, Bill Robinson, if his infectious optimism and enthusiasm for life has touched you in some way then be a Hidden Hero yourself and pass it on.

» For more about Hidden Heroes, go to www.ourhiddenheroes.org. To nominate a Hidden Hero, e-mail bill@ourhiddenheroes.org.