Charitable Celebrities

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 When you think of celebrities, the image that typically comes to mind is glamorous, well dressed people standing on the red carpet. They are usually thought of as shallow and money obsessed. However, many celebrities are actually very charitable and have helped many underprivileged people worldwide.

 Angelina Jolie has traveled to over 30 countries and has helped many people worldwide. She has often risked her life by by visiting during wars and major conflicts. Additonally, Angelina Jolie helped a large number of people displaced by natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and typhoons. In 2009, she donated at least $7 million to charitable causes.

 George Lucas, founder of Lucasfilm, created the George Lucas Educational Foundation to encourage innovation in schools. He has also pledged to donate his fortune to charity.

 LeBron James has donated $2.5 million to the Boys and Girls Club of America, an organization whose aim is to aid youth and improve lives. He also created the LeBron James Family Foundation, which is an organization that helps families and children stay engaged in activities.

 Scarlett Johansson supported USA Harvest by distributing food to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, she volunteered in an AIDS clinics in Rwanda.

 Next time you think celebrities are just fancy and foolish, think again. Some celebrities have given back much more than they are usually recognized for.