



Giraffe Heroes Project

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Dear --FNAME--,



There are people around the world who are meeting the pandemic with great courage, compassion and grace.

They're providing medical care day after day, keeping food and other vital supplies moving, and challenging business-as-usual moves by governments and companies that endanger people's lives.

Every one of these heroes is essential to a world in chaos. We are proud to bring you some of their stories.

As long as there are Giraffes, there's hope—
Ann Medlock Founder

These are "teasers," quick looks at new Giraffes.

For their full stories, click on their names, in blue.



The pandemic is hitting all over the world. When it was clear that it would soon reach Sierra Leone, attorney [Rashid Dumbuya](#) began pressing a reluctant government to prepare. Long a thorn in that government's side for his championing of civil liberties, Dumbuya now leads a team that is ranging across the nation, demanding respectful, non-violent treatment of citizens, while informing those citizens about the virus and what they need to do to survive.



We couldn't find a photo of [Marge Harvey](#) but here are her UPS co-workers, protesting her firing. And why was she fired? For championing the delivery workers who keep supplies moving to all the people who are in lockdown. Harvey spoke up for them, asking for personal protective equipment and for places to wash up. The company said they were already doing just fine. The employees disagree.



For years, [Chris Smalls](#) has been one of the people who prepare Amazon packages that appear on millions of doorsteps. Then he organized a legal walkout of employees at the Staten Island fulfillment center after management ignored the new need for sanitary working conditions in the pandemic. Again a company saying everything's just fine, while the people on the frontlines know they are not. Two hours later, he was fired. The US National Labor Relations Board is investigating.



Law professor [Xu Zhangrun](#) has long been outspoken about oppression in China. When he published a denouncement of that government's handling of the pandemic, it was a step too far for the authorities. "Viral Alarm; When Fury Overcomes Fear" was read all over China, and Professor Xu has disappeared from social media. Friends have been unable to reach him, and are assuming that his "speech crime" has put him under house arrest. His is a voice that has rung out for justice, urging his fellow citizens to "rage against injustice; let your lives burn with a flame of decency; break through the stultifying darkness and welcome the dawn."

We hope these Giraffe Heroes gave you some hope in this dire time.
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