

In times of tragedy, heroes abound

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Our family would like to express our deep gratitude to the many volunteers who helped in the search for our son, Noah. We are proud to be part of such a supportive and compassionate community.

The search and ultimate discovery of Noah's boat and remains has truly been an awe-inspiring story of technical expertise, self-sacrifice, generosity and extreme bravery on the part of those involved.

I hope the community realizes what a true blessing we have in the aptly named Rob Bleser of Quiescence Diving Services. Despite numerous challenges, he never gave up looking for our son and coordinating the whole network of volunteers and equipment needed. We couldn't possibly thank him enough for all he did and the professional way in which he conducted the search, including finding the experienced tech divers, Joe Citelli and Steve Muslin, who made the very dangerous 309-foot dive to Noah's sunken boat.

We are eternally grateful to these amazing men for their willingness to help a family they did not even know find closure.

Because of this experience, we've learned that heroes don't just exist in movies. In fact, true heroes are the real ones -- your neighbors, friends, and, most incredibly of all, complete strangers who are willing to help in tragic situations like ours. There are too many of these heroes to name in one letter, but to all the volunteers who donated equipment and spent hours on the water and in the air searching for Noah, thank you all so very much.

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