

## Ashton Pruitt

Each of us has our own story about how Hurricane Katrina affected us. Many of us left when we heard the storm was headed our way. Some people stayed, believing that the storm wouldn't be any worse than all of the other storms we've endured. Fourteen year-old, Ashton Pruitt and his family decided to "ride-out" Hurricane Katrina, a decision that would change his life forever.



After Hurricane Katrina hit, the levees broke and the floodwaters began to rise. Ashton used scout skills to save his family from the rising flood water. He taught his family how to use pants as floatation devices and guided his family through deep waters to a neighboring rooftop, where they were rescued 19 hours later. Ashton's actions saved the lives of his mother, his uncle, his 72-year-old grandmother and his legally blind brother. For his courage and his actions, Ashton received the National Honor Medal for Life Saving with cross palms.

Ashton Pruitt demonstrated the Power of One! What are you doing to make a difference?



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