

STARS WANT TO SAVE THE WORLD

Hollywood stars are not just beautiful and talented, they are generous, too. In fact most stars do some sort of work for charity.

Today lots of actors, singers and celebrities, like Angelina Jolie, George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bono and Scarlett Johansson do charity work. But the concept of celebrities trying to help others is not new. The actress Audrey Hepburn, who was in the film *My fair Lady*, did work for UNICEF in the 1950s. She was a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador from 1988 until her death in 1993.

CHARITY WORK

In Hollywood it is fashionable to be concerned about the world and the environment. But can actors succeed where politicians failed? Well, some are succeeding very well! When a charity is connected to a star, it gets publicity. People become interested and they want to help: Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are often in the news because their work for charity. In 2006 when Jolie was expecting her baby she let *People* magazine print photos in exchange for a donation to a charity in Haiti. 'We cannot ignore the fact that millions of people are suffering. I want to help', says Jolie. Here are some actors and singers who are trying to make the world a better place.

LEONARDO DI CAPRIO

Di Caprio is a determined environmentalist. In 2007, he made a documentary. *11th hour*, about the environment crisis caused by human actions. He flies in commercial planes and not private jets which use more fuel. He thinks that global warming is the biggest problem for humanity.

GEORGE CLOONEY AND MATT DAMON

George Clooney, Matt Damon and Brad Pitt raise 5 millions dollars for Darfur crisis during the premiere of *Ocean's thirteen* at the Cannes Festival. Now, Clooney wants every film festival to be a charity event. After Matt Damon saw extreme poverty in Zambia and South Africa, he wanted to help other parts of Africa, too. He made a documentary called *Running the Sahara* to get support for clean water programs in Africa.

SCARLETT JOHANSSON

In 2001 Scarlett Johansson didn't go to the Oscars: she preferred to tour India and Sri Lanka for the charity Oxfam. 'It is strange to come home when you see people living in poverty', she says, 'It's strange to be famous, but this means I can help a lot of people'.