



**0. Roberto Clemente: A Hero Beyond the Baseball Diamond - Story Preface**

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***Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth. - Roberto Clemente***

As a professional baseball player, Clemente ranks among the best of all time. He was often called a “complete player”. In addition to the Most Valuable Player Award, Clemente received 12 Gold Glove Awards, 4 National League batting titles, 12 All-Star Game selections, 2 World Series Championships, and reached the 3,000-hit milestone. Yet, despite his many athletic accomplishments, Roberto did not get the national recognition he so deserved until very later in his baseball career.

But there’s another Clemente record. It is written in cornerstones of schools, hospitals, and other public buildings, inscribed on monuments and statues, struck on coins, imprinted on collectibles and book covers — it is simply his name, Roberto Clemente, and it is evidence of his impact beyond baseball. It is the record of a man who set out to make a difference in the lives of others who were less fortunate. It is the record of a true hero. This is his inspiring story.

**Footnotes:**

- 1) Thornley, Stew, Roberto Clemente, Society for American Baseball Research, May/09/2016, May/09/2016, <http://sabr.org/bioproj/person/8b153bc4>

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