

The city's Dark Knight is spreading light to children, and even adults. Katy's own winged crusader shares some insight on what it's like to be him.

HolyBatman was once told to dress for the job he wanted, not the job he had. He took that message literally and has created quite a stir since then. He doesn't do this for attention for himself, but for others who may be struggling, especially children with illnesses.



Spotting HolyBatman is a fun treat for children and adults alike



HolyBatman with Mayor Hughes and city councilmen



The best part of being HolyBatman is that he gets to influence young children

## SUPERHEROES DON'T NEED SUPER POWERS

HolyBatman was told by his friend Spiderman, who also lives in Katy, that great power comes with great responsibility. "I don't like to call myself a superhero, I have no super powers, but if I can make people smile, even for a few moments, I consider that a job well done." Unlike the DC Comics character Batman, HolyBatman is concerned about getting rid of unhappiness instead of evil villains.

Unbeknownst to many, other superheros can be found around Katy. They do not make an appearance as often as HolyBatman, but they are all out for the same goal: to spread light and glee to both young and old. "I make friends wherever I go; from the little kids to their parents that turn into little kids when they see me."

## OUT OF THE BAT CAVE

When you see HolyBatman out and about, you can be sure he is there for a reason. Most of the time he is spreading awareness for special causes or promoting a specific business, but he will come to private parties. He has memorable moments at these events which he says people share on his social media websites often. "Every high five, handshake, and hug I get holds a very special spot in my memory. The kids' reactions just melt my heart away."

HolyBatman has some strange experiences as well. He admits that when people first see him, he sometimes gets negative looks or comments, but when they ask about his costume or the Batmobile and why he does what he does,

their attitudes completely change. "I had one gentleman pull up to my Batmobile at a stoplight. He asked where I was going dressed like I was with disapproval on his face. I told him I was going to see a boy that just completed his chemo treatments. His face completely changed and he smiled and thanked me for what I was doing."

Although there are some critics, he says that people have been very welcoming. He gets invited to many charity events and will attend birthday parties if he has the time. "I have seen some real superhero kids going through dramatic events in their life." For him, this is what being a superhero is about.

## "IT'S NOT WHO YOU KNOW, IT'S WHAT YOU DO!"

This is HolyBatman's slogan and you will find it on his social media sites, website, and business cards. When asked why he chose this quote, he turns it around and asks others what they think the quote means. "It makes people think. That's what's so surprising about the quote." He wants others to realize that it doesn't matter how many people you know, if they can't remember you for something good you have done, it doesn't count.

He also wants others to realize that this quote no longer means what it did in the past. "I don't think it's who you know anymore that will get you that job, promotion, or recognition. It's what you do in tough situations that will get you further in life." **KM** 

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