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WITH HIS CHISELED features, sandy blond hair and effervescent grin, Paul Walker was often written off as just another Hollywood heartthrob. But the late *Fast & Furious* star was also a quiet humanitarian who “didn’t ever want any recognition for it,” says his brother Cody Walker. “He was an under-the-radar type of guy, who if he could help someone out in some way, he would.”

In the 18 months since Paul’s tragic death in a car crash at age 40, Cody, 26, has been helping his brother’s good works live on. A trained paramedic, Cody is now brand manager for Reach Out Worldwide (roww.org), the disaster-relief organization →

“Paul was fearless,” says Cody (in Nepal), who helped rake in more than \$100,000 at a recent ROWW fund-raising event.



## PAUL WALKER’S BROTHER SHARES HIS MEMORIES A LEGACY OF LOVE

BY MELODY CHIU



FROM LEFT: CAMMIE COOLEY; FABRICE TROMBERT/CONTOUR BY GETTY IMAGES

**BROTHERLY LOVE**

1. Cody with Paul (left) and Caleb (right) at home in Sunland, Calif., in 1991. 2. Cody with Paul in 2005. 3. The *Furious 7* cast was “so wonderful,” says Cody (with Caleb, Tyrese and Michelle Rodriguez at the Noble Awards in February).



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**AMERICAN IDOL**

THE FOX REALITY SINGING COMPETITION WILL RETURN FOR ONE LAST SEASON IN 2016

“I feel very fortunate to have been part of a show that made television history in countless ways,” host Ryan Seacrest says of *American Idol*’s coming to a close next spring. Experts say the decision to end the former juggernaut after 15 seasons is likely due to declining ratings, in part because of the many social media platforms now available to aspiring singers. Adds former judge Simon Cowell: “They really were great times...we had a blast!”



Carrie Underwood, Kelly Clarkson, Phillip Phillips, Scotty McCreery and Jordin Sparks rank among some of *Idol*’s most successful winners.

Paul founded. “I’m doing the best I can to keep his vision,” says Cody, who recently traveled to earthquake-ravaged Nepal with a nine-member medical team. “His daughter [Meadow, 16] and ROWW were the most important things in his life, hands down.”

Cody fights back tears when talking about his “multifaceted, adventurer, spontaneous, obsessive-compulsive” brother. “I have two big brothers and an older sister, but he was the oldest. I looked up to him the most.” With 15 years between them, the two went through “different stages” in their relationship, Cody says. “There’s some things you can’t share with a sibling when they’re that young. Over time, you start learning what kind of person they really are. He had a way of making you feel like you were the most important person in the world. He was a really great example for me—always.”

Alongside older brother Caleb, 37, Cody stepped in as a body double for

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the other passions that he had in life: the ocean, traveling. He didn’t talk about the movies all that much. But day one [on-set], everyone was so wonderful and warm and supportive.”

Cody is now pursuing more acting roles while continuing Paul’s philanthropic work. “I want to give it a shot,” he says. “If things work out on the acting front, how great is that? I also get to help promote my favorite charity.” He feels Paul’s spirit the most when he’s helping others. “In Nepal, no matter how hard anyone on the team tried to lose their passport, no matter how bad the circumstances were that we were heading into, everything worked. Paul was there watching out for us every step of the way.” —Reporting by Reagan Alexander

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