

Brave Surfer Uses Board to Save Lives Amid Hurricane Helene's Devastation

As stories of heartache and tragedy continue to unfold in the wake of Hurricane Helene, heroism is also on full display, with individuals going out of their way to help their fellow man.

Marty Thomas is among those receiving accolades after he rescued around a dozen people and their pets using his surfboard, WTVT-TV reported.

Thomas' incredible efforts unfolded in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, last week, when the hurricane hit, and some residents found themselves trapped inside their homes and unable to escape.

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One of those victims was Anne McIntosh. She had so much water flooding into her home that the door wouldn't open.

"The beds were floating," she told WTVT-TV. "The couch was floating. My brother and his wife were on the counters."

When the family began screaming for help, Thomas heard them from down the road, hopped on his surfboard, and headed toward them.

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"He saved us," McIntosh told WTVT-TV. "He got the door open. He paddled us across to safety. And just as an angel walking."

Thomas was able to help others as well.

As for McIntosh, she was eternally grateful for the kind deed, repeatedly calling Thomas an “angel.”

“He’s an angel walking,” she continued. “He is the hero of Indian Rocks Beach now. And you do it so gracefully. Thank you. And I love you for it. And you deserve all the good things in life.”

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