

# Former Ohio State Standout Michael Thomas Partners With RIP Medical Debt To Relieve \$2.3 Million In Medical Debt



Former Ohio State standout Michael Thomas, who stars at wide receiver for the New Orleans Saints, partnered with RIP Medical Debt to relieve more than \$2 million in past-due medical debts for 1,025 New Orleans area residents who cannot afford payment.

.@Cantguardmike has partnered with RIP Medical Debt and has made a donation that will wipe out approximately \$2.3 million worth of medical debt for economically-challenged families in the greater New Orleans area. [pic.twitter.com/x88GtqXLqj](https://pic.twitter.com/x88GtqXLqj)

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“I’m honored to support my community in this way and make an impact in the city that’s been so welcoming to me from the minute I came here,” Thomas said. “I hope these families receive a little relief in knowing their medical bills have been taken care of during these very difficult times in our country.”

RIP Medical Debt is a nonprofit organization that works with donors, philanthropists and organizations to provide financial relief for those burdened by medical bills by buying and forgiving medical debt across America.

The former national champion worked with RIP Medical Debt for his donation to help relieve medical debt in the New Orleans area, erasing \$2.3 million of medical debt. The people who will be benefiting from relief will receive a yellow envelope branded “RIP Medical Debt” in the mail this week.

This act is not Thomas’ first positive initiative during his NFL career, and it is actually his second major contribution amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thomas partnered with Raising Cane’s founder Todd Graves in May to donate more than 3,000 Raising Cane’s meals for local Ochsner Health Systems employees.

After a stellar career in scarlet and gray, Thomas became a three-time Pro Bowler and back-to-back All-Pro wide receiver across four seasons. The Los Angeles native was the 2019 NFL Offensive Player of the Year after breaking the NFL single-season reception leader with 149. Thomas led the NFL in receptions in 2018 and 2019, and he holds the NFL record for the most catches through four seasons with 470.

RIP Medical Debt is a nonprofit organization that buys and forgives medical debt across America. To learn more visit: [www.ripmedicaldebt.org](http://www.ripmedicaldebt.org).

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