

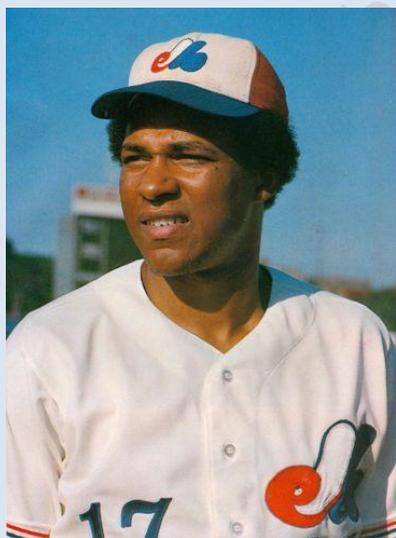


Andre Thornton

Andre Thornton is one of the best-loved Cleveland Indian players in the history of the team. Fans remember him for his powerful swing along with his tremendous humanitarian compassion. Andre broke into the majors with the Chicago Cubs in 1973 and also spent part of a season with the Montreal Expos before making a permanent home in Cleveland. Twice in his career, he topped 100+ RBI and three times he surpassed the 30+ home run plateau. He was a two-time All-Star and won the Silver Slugger Award for first basemen in 1984.



However, there is so much more to Andre, who continues to give of himself to his community. In 1978, he won the Danny Thompson Award for exemplary Christian spirit in baseball and followed that up in 1979 by being named the Roberto Clemente Award winner for best exemplifying the game of baseball, sportsmanship, community involvement and contribution to his team. Then in 1982, he was named winner of the Hutch Award for fighting spirit and competitive desire. Wow, an All-Star on the field and a Superstar off the field!



Following his playing career, Andre has been extremely successful in his business endeavours. He was a partner of a highly-successful restaurant management group and later established his own marketing and promotional business which is a thriving entity to this day. Andre also serves on the boards of many corporate and civic organizations.

Many fans will remember Andre for the terrible accident he was in which claimed the lives of his wife and young daughter. This is the subject of his book, "Triumph Born of Tragedy". Andre knows that only God could have sustained him at such a tragic point in his life. As the title of his book suggests, he took a tragedy and made it something great for God.

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