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Our Turtle Patrol volunteers at Hunting Island State Park, found a live, mama loggerhead stuck in a hole under a downed tree, early Thursday morning. They were able to dig her out and lift her so that she could make her way back into the ocean. We are so thankful for our Turtle Patrol volunteers -- and I'm sure this sea turtle is too! Learn how you can volunteer at: [www.friendsofhuntingisland.org](http://www.friendsofhuntingisland.org)



**Cindy Long** 🙌🙌 Thanks Team Turtle 🐢

at 12:39:38 on 7/06/2018 UTC

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**Scott Kaplan** Guess they need to get rid of the downed trees than

at 12:42:34 on 7/06/2018 UTC *(hidden)*



**Emilie Aiton Nelson** Cason Warner Wrightt

at 12:51:40 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Cassandra Morrow Harris** Wow, thank you guys so much!!!

at 13:07:04 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Cassandra Morrow Harris** Mary Alice Monroe

at 13:07:26 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Kathy Bayes** Wow so glad for volunteers

at 13:17:25 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Ty Moore** Great job

at 13:23:05 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Lori Toro Finger** Thank you all for helping and taking care of these beautiful creatures. I fi lived closer I would be there helping.

at 13:34:29 on 7/06/2018 UTC

**Renee Mathis Swann** Thankful



at 14:53:50 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Thomas Kurka** Great job y'all!  
at 16:35:38 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Anne DuTremble** good work!!  
at 20:44:07 on 7/06/2018 UTC



**Angela Miller** Thank you so much. Hero's  
at 2:07:14 on 7/07/2018 UTC



**Judith Allison** So grateful for the love and care given to such a beautiful life.  
at 4:47:34 on 7/07/2018 UTC



**Julie Stiefel** Me, too!  
at 10:09:58 on 7/07/2018 UTC



**Barbara S Gobien** Great job!  
at 1:37:45 on 7/08/2018 UTC



**Elvera DiSanto-Sobczak** 🙌🙌🙌 Thank YOU! 😊  
at 2:12:53 on 7/08/2018 UTC



**Larry Reed** Wow! Great work guys! I helped rescue some Hunting Island strandings along with my marine biologist sister several decades back, and they're sure way heavier than they look!

Here's an inspirational story for all you volunteers.

All through the 1980's my mother, Marjorie Reed, was known locally around Beaufort as "The Turtle Lady" for her conservation work with then-endangered loggerheads on Hunting Island. While in her 70's, she walked the seven miles of beach (this was before the entire south end of the island and the houses and cabins there were lost to erosion) early every morning, marking the new nests and then coming back later to relocate any in danger from tides or predation. Those nests were relocated (via her state-issued permit) into a fenced-in area in the backyard of our home (which used to be Lot 60, on the beach near where the footbridge crossed the lagoon).

After the 7-8 week gestation period was complete, she waited until the entire nest hatched, then released the hatchlings at dusk (according to the prescribed method at the time) and let them scramble from the dunes down the beach to the surf. She'd always let the park office know in advance so flyers could be posted at the campground to invite any curious onlookers to come and witness the release.

There's a scene in the late Pat Conroy's novel, "Beach Music", which aptly describes the mad scramble of the hatchlings into the surf, with my mother standing guard nearby to ward-off any hungry raccoons or ghost crabs (or overly-grabby children).

My job was to swim any exhausted hatchlings out well past the breaker line in a bucket to let them go. By then it would be full dark, and I could feel bluefish nipping at my legs, while my mind dreaded any much larger and hungrier fish with bigger jaws!

My mother unexpectedly passed-away at Thanksgiving 1990, and the Park Service installed a memorial plaque in her honor under the flagpole in front of the park office, which is still there today. Of course her greatest reward was her beloved turtle nests and hatchlings and her knowledge that all the ones she saved would be coming back to Hunting Island again someday! ❤️❤️

at 2:59:03 on 7/08/2018 UTC



**Brown Lynn Davis Michelle** Awesome job vols!!  
at 14:05:06 on 7/08/2018 UTC



**Joni Raymo** So awesome! I love being a volunteer!  
at 16:06:23 on 7/08/2018 UTC

**Andrea Hartzell** Grace Luana Gragg-Hartzell



at 22:15:03 on 7/09/2018 UTC