

Donna Shetler Corley ACADIA PARISH Nominator: B.I. Moody III & Sandy Melancon Sponsored by: Home Bank

Donna Shetler Corley of Crowley is the recipient of the 2018 Leaders In Philanthropy Award for Acadia Parish.

Philanthropy is nothing new for Donna who has been giving generously to her community for more than 50 years. As a child, she learned from her parents' example and worked side by side with them in their various philanthropic projects.

Throughout her adult life, Donna's giving has focused on young people, education, and her church. A special project close to her heart was spearheading a fundraising campaign to build a gymnasium for St. Michael Elementary School in Crowley.

"They had no place for assembly, no place for school events. They had to go to the high school," said Donna. "One morning I called six people into my office and said we are going to do this for them, and we are going to do it in six weeks."

International Rice Festival recognized Donna by selecting her as Grand Marshal of the Rice Festival Parade. She was chosen to receive the Crowley Chamber of Commerce 2010 Humanitarian of the Year and the 2015 Business Woman of the Year awards.

"Donna is among the leaders in Acadia Parish who give back to the community," said B.I. Moody III, a close friend. "In addition to her monetary contributions, she gives generously of her time and talents in ways that benefit our entire community."

Donna moved to Crowley in 1977 to run her father's leasing company. In 1987, she purchased Shetler Corley Motors. In 1995, she purchased Don Shetler Chevrolet. She is still actively managing both dealerships and has about 60 employees.

A graduate of McNeese University, she is married to George Corley, and they are the proud parents of two sons and seven grandchildren.

