



Harold & Ammy Taylor St. Landry Parish

Nominated by: Earline Bihm

Harold and Ammy Taylor are the recipients of the 2021 Leaders In Philanthropy Award for St. Landry Parish.

Since he was a child, Harold has been involved in community service in his hometown of Palmetto, Louisiana. One of his first community projects, at the age of 13, was assisting in organizing a community volunteer fire department where he served as a volunteer fireman and was elected to its first Board of Directors. It was at this time he realized that his calling was about helping people.

After college, Harold returned to Palmetto and, at the age of twenty-two, was elected to the town council. Ten years later he was elected mayor. During his thirty-year tenure in elected office, he organized community projects to improve the lives of the residents in St. Landry Parish. These projects included extending the community water system to serve the communities around Palmetto, benefitting hundreds of families, improving roads, and establishing a community scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. He established and operated a food bank, sponsored a community beautification project in Palmetto, assisted a local church in establishing an educational summer enrichment program, and was instrumental in bringing healthcare services to his local community. For his years of service to his community, he was recognized in Washington, D.C. as a visionary leader by the National Association of Small-Town Communities.

In March 2002, Harold retired from public service and joined Louisiana Healthcare Group, a healthcare company he co-founded. Today the company is known as LHC Group where he serves as Senior Vice President of Government Affairs. Harold has served on many non-profit boards over the years. Presently he serves on the Opelousas General Health System Foundation Board, St. Landry Foundation Board, and Harold & Ammy Taylor Foundation.

After 38 years as a Registered Nurse, Ammy retired and is currently the principal of Taylor-Lee Enterprises, LLC. She serves as a board member on the Joint Commission for the Central St. Landry Economic Development District in St. Landry Parish. She is an active member in the local Washington Garden Club, Louisiana Garden Club Federation, and National Garden Club, working with these non-profit organizations to enhance community beautification locally and nationally.

Harold and Ammy support, with time and resources, organizations such as United Way of Acadiana, Opelousas Sunrise Rotary Club, the Miles Perret Cancer Services, the Sanctuary, and the Steamboat City Association Scholarship Program. They have supported and participated in numerous beautification projects in St. Landry Parish and supported projects to maintain the First Methodist Church of Palmetto.

They are active supporters of North Central High School academics and athletics and, over the years, have financially assisted and mentored St. Landry Parish students in their pursuit of higher education.