



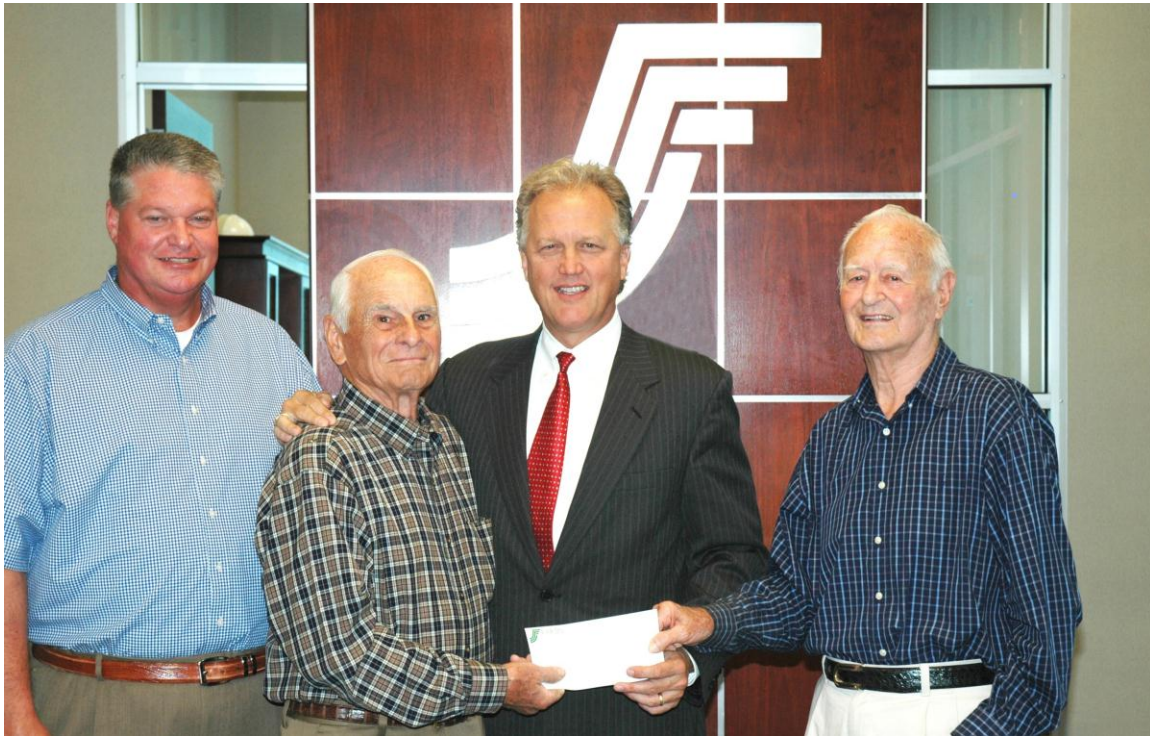
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Fidelity National Bank Gives \$25,000 to MSCC in Memory Of Mike Murphy

In memory of long-time president and chief executive officer P. Michael “Mike” Murphy, Fidelity National Bank has made a \$25,000 gift to the Mid-South Community College Foundation.

Murphy worked with the College’s Foundation Board for more than a decade and served three terms as chairman. When he stepped down from the board, the Foundation membership agreed unanimously to name him “Chairman Emeritus.”

Murphy passed away on April 3, 2012.



Pictured from left are Charles Horton, Fidelity National Bank President and CEO; William Carlson, Fidelity Bank Director; Dr. Glen Fenter, MSCC President, and Ralph Carlson, Fidelity Bank Director.

“I worked with Mike for 15 years, and he was here many years before I came,” said Charles Horton, who took over as Fidelity’s President and CEO when Murphy retired for health reasons. “He did a lot to help the bank grow, and he earned respect from co-workers and competitors alike.”

“During the consolidation era when banks were selling and people were looking for a community bank, Mike helped provide that. We think he would be excited about this gift to the college, and we’re glad he helped us get to a position where we can share our prosperity with the community.”

MSCC President Dr. Glen Fenter said the College welcomes the opportunity to recognize Murphy for all he did to enhance higher education efforts in the region. Dr. Fenter also said he appreciates Fidelity National Bank’s ongoing commitment to the betterment of the community.

“Mike’s support of this college and this community never wavered, and we humbly accept this gift in his honor and memory,” Dr. Fenter said. “As chairman of our Foundation Board, Mike blessed us with visionary and proactive leadership that contributed greatly to our ability to serve our community. He was always a great role model for philanthropy, and it would be difficult to find someone who hasn’t been touched by Mike’s generosity.”

“This contribution is yet another in a long line of generous gifts from Fidelity National Bank, and we greatly appreciate their continuing investments in the College’s efforts to make Crittenden County a better place to live.”

Murphy Smith, Senior Vice President/Marketing, said Mike possessed a “genuine enthusiasm for MSCC and really believed that education leading to employment was the best medicine for the Delta. I feel certain that he would be pleased by this gift to the College.”

Smith said he was constantly amazed by Murphy’s contacts throughout the state.

“No matter where he was, Mike always knew someone. It was amazing to me that he could know so many folks from all over Arkansas, and that he could always find the right person who could supply an answer to a pressing question.”

“Mike was a unique person,” added Senior Vice President Andy Luttrell. “He was very special and had a true gift when dealing with his customers. He was a community-minded person and a real community banker.”

“To him, the employees at the bank were like his second family. He was a good boss and friend to me and my coworkers. Fidelity’s gift to the College in memory of Mike Murphy is truly special.”

Cathy Horton, Fidelity Senior Vice President, said Murphy’s approach to his job and people set the tone for the bank.

“Mike was always a very generous boss. He wasn’t one to get a big raise and not share with all employees. He had a big heart! Mike was always very complimentary of our staff and was quick to give credit to our officers and for helping him manage the bank.”

“Fidelity has always been a good place to work, and a lot of that is because of him being so understanding of people with families, his generosity, and his love for the bank. Mike loved the bank and all of the employees and directors.”

Paula Parker, who worked as Murphy’s administrative assistant for 15 years, described him as giving and caring, especially when it came to interactions with bank employees.

“He loved to help the community whenever there was a need, but if a ‘Fidelity family member’ needed help in any way, he made sure their needs were met,” Parker said.

“All we had to do was say, ‘Mike, we need...’ and before we could finish the sentence, he would say ‘Whatever you need, I’m sure we can help you.’ He was just that kind of person.”

Murphy, a native of Gould, Ark., graduated from high school at the age of 16 and enrolled at Arkansas A&M College (now the University of Arkansas at Monticello). After graduating with honors, he began what became a lengthy career in banking as an assistant cashier in his home town.

He later worked at First Federal Savings in Dumas and FirstSouth Bank in Pine Bluff before accepting the presidency of Fidelity National Bank in West Memphis. After

22 years at the helm of Fidelity, Murphy retired as President, CEO, and Chairman but remained as a director of the bank until his untimely death.

Murphy considered continuing education an important part of his professional growth and participated in finance and executive management programs at the University of Arkansas, Ohio State University, Northwestern University, and Vanderbilt University.

Actively involved in Arkansas and Mid-South Banking, Murphy served as chairman of the Barret School of Banking and the Arkansas Government Relations Committee of the American Bankers Association. The Arkansas Bankers Association and the Arkansas Community Bankers elected him to their respective Board of Directors, reflecting his skill and knowledge as a banker.

On the local level, he was a member of First United Methodist Church of West Memphis and served on the Board of Trustees as well as the Finance and Building Committee. He earned recognition as the West Memphis Citizen of the Year.

Contributions in Murphy's memory continue to be accepted at the College. Please contact Patti Coleman, MSCC Director of Advancement, at (870) 733-6764 or pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu for information on how to participate.

The Murphy family and MSCC recently honored Mike's memory with the establishment of the Patrick Michael Murphy Endowment for Business. The endowment will be used to enhance business education and instruction at MSCC.

The Mid-South Community College Foundation, which operates under a tax exempt 501(c)(3) status, offers direct on-line giving through the College's website, www.midsouthcc.edu (click on Foundation icon or the MSCC Portal, MSCC Foundation, and Give Now). The charitable organization administers more than 60 privately-funded scholarships designed to help students pursue life-changing education and training opportunities.