

PROFILE OF WILLIAM “Billy” SHAGOURY



The holistic development of a society depends to a large extent on its people who are committed, dedicated and willing not only to show concern for the welfare of others but, to do something to change their circumstances for the better.

William Leon Shagoury is one such person. Born in the parish of St. Andrew to Simon and Violet Shagoury, his early childhood education was pursued at St. Thomas Moore and Morris Knibb Preparatory Schools. He subsequently attended Campion College from where he graduated in 1964.

On graduating from Campion, he pursued tertiary level training at CAST now the University of Technology, where he majored in Business Administration and Cost Accounting.

He is married to Jill, an Australian and the union has produced two daughters; Shannon and Stephanie.

Being philanthropic by nature, he was instrumental in making the lives of the disabled children of the New Horizons School of Hope, May Pen, more comfortable. In partnership with the Kiwanis Club of May Pen, additional classrooms, a lunch room and a workshop valuing in excess of \$1.7m, were constructed. Mr. Shagoury has provided support to the health sector through the organizations he serves by sourcing generators and assisting with general maintenance as well as upkeep of the May Pen and Chapleton Hospital. He also contributed to the erection of the Lions Club Health Centre and the building of a generator house at Foga Road, Denbigh, as well as sourcing the generator. His contribution to the education sector is tremendous; he has supported a number of students with full and partial scholarships as well as providing the framework for on the job training.

Mr Shagoury is a *friend* to the Police and believes in supporting any effort that will enhance community safety. In fact, his first gift to the police was the donation of a television to the Matilda’s Corner Police Station. Later, he was instrumental in building a Canteen and Dinning Area as well as an extension of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the May Pen Police Station. Of note, is the fact that Mr. Shagoury advocated for the May Pen Police Station (which was in a deplorable condition) to be relocated from the Main Street to its present site at Brooks Avenue. He has also led crime prevention programmes in Canaan Heights and Effortville, 2 of the most volatile and vulnerable communities in the May Pen Area.

Mr. Shagoury’s altruism motivated him to donate asphalt to assist in paving the roadway from the Mineral Heights Round-a-bout to Lionel Town. He also contributes extensively to The Fire Department and Rural Agricultural Development Authority. His contribution to Food for the Poor and numerous other charitable causes is well known.

His volunteerism is highly commendable. He has served innumerable committees and civic organizations. These include:-

- ◆ Being Justice of the Peace since 1981
- ◆ Member of the Clarendon Police Civic Committee...now serving as Chairman
- ◆ Member and 3 time distinguished president of the Kiwanis Club of May Pen since 1973

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- ◆ Chairman of the Milk River Spa Board
- ◆ Honourary Chairman.... Clarendon Parish Development Committee Benevolent Society and Clarendon Crime Prevention Committee
- ◆ Past Member... Local Government Reform Planning & Development Committee
- ◆ Chairman... Herb McKinley Sports Complex
- ◆ Past Chairman... Chandlers Pen Primary & Junior High School's Board of Governors
- ◆ Past Chairman of the Property Tax Appeals Committee
- ◆ Past Board Member.... Southern Regional Health Authority
- ◆ Chairman... Airports Authority of Jamaica
- ◆ Past Board Member...Natural Resources Conservation Authority (NRCA)
- ◆ Lifetime Director.....Campion College Alumni Association
- ◆ Member...Norman Manley International Airport since 2007
- ◆ Past Chairman.... Rural Agriculture Development Authority Parish Board 2007 to 2011
- ◆ Past Vice Chairman... Jamaica Fire Brigade
- ◆ Past Vice Chairman Divestment of Norman Manley Airport
- ◆ Chairman... National Association of Parish Development Committees (NAPDEC).
- ◆ Chairman ... Clarendon Health Department Board

In his professional/business capacity, he is the Managing Director of Shagoury's Vibrated Blocks & Crushed Stones Ltd., Shagoury's Hardware & Supplies, Bill's Gas & Supplies, Bill's Gas & Appliances, Shagoury's Aggregates Ltd., Coastal Gases and Middlesex Construction & Equipment Co. Ltd.

He has received numerous awards from various entities for his outstanding voluntary service. Among these are:-

- ◆ The Kiwanis Club of May Pen Distinguished President's Award
- ◆ Lions Club Plaque of Appreciation for Outstanding Service
- ◆ May Pen Police Youth Club's Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Club\ The Campion College Hall of Fame Award
- ◆ The Police Civic Committee's Plaque for Dedicated & Outstanding Service to the Clarendon Police
- ◆ And, the most prestigious, Regional Unsung Hero Runner-up Award.... 2004.

The Government of Jamaica conferred him with the Order of Distinction Award in 2006. Mr Shagoury was appointed as Custos of Clarendon on August 1, 2011 and was conferred with post nominal of Order of Distinction, Commander Class in September 2011

Mr. Shagoury continues to give unstintingly of his resources to the growth and development of his country, Jamaica and his fellowmen.