

**NANCY M. HUMPHREY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
WILL HELP SUPPORT RIVER CITY REPERTORY THEATRE**

An endowment fund in memory of the late Nancy McCullough Humphrey has been established to help support River City Repertory Theatre in Shreveport. An initial donation of \$100,000 by philanthropist William A. Robinson, a long-time friend of Humphrey, has started the endowment to which others may contribute in her memory.

“Nancy was a supporter of River City Rep from the day it started until the day she died in 2008,” said Robinson. “I can think of no more fitting tribute to her memory than to help assure the success of Shreveport-Bossier City’s first and only professional theater company.”

Humphrey, a native of Shreveport, was an actress herself in addition to being an ardent fan of live theater. As a member of the Junior League, she organized and performed in a traveling troupe bringing theater to children in local schools. A natural comedienne, she also played powerful dramatic roles in community theaters.

Robinson, a retired DHL executive who lives part time in his native Shreveport, is also known for his support of Robinson Film Center. “River City Repertory Theatre is the perfect complement to the Film Center,” he said, “because both are emphasizing professionalism in the performing arts. People who earn their Actors’ Equity credits with River City Rep will then be qualified for membership in the Screen Actors’ Guild and can work in many of the films being produced in North Louisiana.”

Patric McWilliams, artistic director of River City Rep, who also directed Humphrey in some of her roles, said, "It is so wonderful of Mr. Robinson to remember Nancy this way, and to recognize that it is important to have a resident professional theater company in Shreveport-Bossier City."

Rosalind Humphrey White, Humphrey's daughter, joined Robinson in urging other friends of her mother to add to the endowment, whose earnings will be used to support River City Repertory's operations. Donations, which are tax-deductible, may be sent to the River City Repertory Theatre office at 2829 Youree Drive, Suite 4, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104.