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—BOBBY CRIM

When Bobby Crim came to Flint, Michigan, in 1950 with \$6 in his pocket, he never imagined the amazing impact he would have on the citizens of Genesee County. Crim attended Flint Junior College as a Mott Scholar, graduating in 1957. One of the highlights when he was a Mott Scholar was when he was invited to have dinner with C.S. Mott; he admired and respected Mr. Mott for his generous ways—ways he decided to emulate in his own life.

In 1975, when Crim was serving as Speaker of the House, he attended a Special Olympics track meet at Kearsley High School; that day sparked what would become one of the premier road races in the country. Crim was so impacted by the event that he started his own race supporting the Special Olympics. Very quickly, the Crim Road Race became the Crim Festival of Races, drawing runners from all over the world.

This event catalyzed the Crim Fitness Foundation, which helps so many with special

needs in Genesee County, as well as partnering with organizations like the Foundation for Mott Community College to create programs benefiting citizens in the community.

In addition to the Crim Fitness Foundation, Crim is in the process of establishing the Bobby D. Crim and Donald W. Crim Scholarship Fund at Mott Community College—the name honors his son, who graduated from Mott and has since passed away. "Education has opened a lot of doors for me. I made it with help along the way. ...I want people like me, people who don't have much of a chance, to have a chance." He has received an abundance of help from the people in Genesee County over the years, and he wants to give back to the community that supported him in his countless endeavors.

Crim is also including FMCC in his estate planning. He hopes the impact from his philanthropy will inspire those he helps to pass it along and help other people. "Education is the door opener. ...If people get that chance and take advantage of it, they will be successful and hopefully will help other people become successful." Crim is proof that if we make philanthropy a priority, it not only supports individuals but benefits the entire community for generations.



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