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**Alida Léveillé-Brown** has dedicated her life to achieving better social justice and improved public services for her community and for her province.

Born in Edmundston in 1932, Ms. Léveillé-Brown is considered by many to be a force of nature. An experienced educator, her contributions to this field were far reaching and impactful. She voluntarily organized and supported university courses for people from Restigouche and from Matapedia to Carleton, Quebec who wanted to complete their post-secondary education. Social workers, bank and credit union employees and future educators thus obtained university degrees. Ms. Léveillé-Brown also played a significant role in establishing the trade school in Campbellton, which became the community college we know today.

Recognized for her tenacity in education, she was the only person for 21 years to offer pre-kindergarten and kindergarten education to Mi'kmaq students from Listuguj, and she was also one of the first school principals to integrate special needs students and students with disabilities within a regular classroom setting.

In addition to her career in education, she had a vibrant family life while being active in numerous social organizations, always working for the betterment of others, and taking up the fight against poverty to promote the advancement of society at all levels. Ms. Léveillé-Brown helped to improve the status of women in her area by working to open a shelter for women experiencing domestic violence in Campbellton, known as the Maison Notre-Dame House. A member of the Femmes acadiennes et francophones for 50 years, she has held different positions on the board of directors.

Having devoted much of her life to the betterment of her community, in addition to her outstanding work in education, she restructured the operations of both the library and the Restigouche Gallery. Despite her advanced age, Ms. Léveillé-Brown continues to offer her support and ideas to many organizations with which she is still engages such as the Club des aînés de Notre-Dame des Neiges.

Alida Léveillé-Brown is receiving the Order of New Brunswick for her exceptional work in continuing education, and for her outstanding commitment to improving the status of women and families within her community.