



Desta Horner

Age: 68

Political Affiliation: Democrat

In addition to serving as a co-founder of Carroll McKenney Foundation for Public Media, Inc., and as an inaugural trustee on the CMF board, Horner is a former high school teacher who served 31 years in Seminole County Public Schools and was twice named teacher of the year at two different schools. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and holds a Master's Degree from the University of Central Florida.

During her teaching career Horner traveled extensively, visiting every continent. These trips included educational research in Nigeria and Israel made possible by Fulbright scholarship seminars. She was given the Global Teacher award by the Florida Council for the Social Studies and was selected as social studies teacher of the year for Seminole County.

She eagerly embraces her role as grandmother and volunteers in early childhood literacy and at the Hope Foundation for the homeless.

As senior co-producer for CMF, Horner brings skills in writing, editing and research and a strong background in public issues to CMF Public Media in its mission to illuminate those issues through public media.

Horner is a native of Florida and has lived in Oviedo, FL since 1988.

She is married to CMF's founder, Stephen McKenney Steck. They have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren