

## Bio – Margaret Stephens-Reed

Margaret Stephens-Reed is a native of Washington State who moved to Arizona in the winter of 2006 after spending eight years in Northern Virginia. Mrs. Stephens-Reed has spent the majority of her professional career in the educational setting. Prior to her move to Virginia she spent 11 years with Seattle Public Schools and served as the Director of the Center for Leadership and Learning for the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle for three years. In her role as Community Outreach and Special Projects Coordinator for Arlington Public Schools in Virginia she continued her dedication to make all citizens lifelong learners.

Since her move to Phoenix, Ms. Stephens-Reed served as Director of Development for several area non-profits including Florence Crittenton, where she was instrumental in the agency receiving the \$1,000,000 Board of Visitors grant. In 2009 Margaret joined the VALLEYLIFE team as Senior Vocational Program Manager. In this role she was accountable for a staff of 30 and nearly 200 vocational trainees. Margaret was also responsible for the development and implementation of the VALLEYLIFE Enrichment Program which provided life and employment skills to adults with disabilities through the arts.

In November of 2010, Margaret was appointed as the Director of Fund Development for VALLEYLIFE. Her department is responsible for fundraising, special events, community Relations, grant writing, legacy gift and other duties as assigned. They just held a very successful Legacy of Love Gala celebrating the agency's 71 years of providing services to adults with disabilities.

Mrs. Stephens-Reed earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Washington University of Cheney, Washington, and is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Central Phoenix Women, East Valley Women and Women of Scottsdale. She serves on the Arizona State Oversight Board for Defensive Driving Schools and is a Board Member of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Arizona and The New Foundation. She was most recently honored East Valley Woman of the Year 2017 by East Valley Women and 2018 F.O.X.Y Woman of the Year. She is a Strathmore's Who's Who and was recognized as a Phoenix Suns and National Bank of Arizona's Banking on the Future Mentor in January 2016. She is married to retired educator Phillip Reed and the parent of a very spoiled cat named Boola.