



Donna Campbell has accomplished and succeeded in not one, but two careers, and doesn't show signs of slowing down.

She taught public school music for 27 years, having worked with thousands of students in Warren County, saying she loved every minute of the time spent with the children.

In the midst of her first career, she was also maintaining a second career in real estate starting in 1993. She did retire from teaching in 2005, devoting full time to Campbell Realty with her husband Charlie.

Together they started their own business in 1998 and moved into their current location, a renovated house on the corner of North Chancery and Donnell Streets in 2000.

Donna holds a broker's license, and is a Graduate of Realtors Institute. She was the recipient of the prestigious Tennessee Association of Realtors Good Neighbor Award, a statewide award based on her involvement with church and community endeavors in 2007.

Donna is very active in activities at First United Methodist Church where she and Charlie have been members since moving to McMinnville in 1973. She has been the choir director for approximately 40 years, volunteers with the Good Neighbor meals program, and she belongs to the Circle of Faith, supporting different programs both locally and globally. Additionally, Donna is a member of the Worship Committee and the Hospitality Committee at First United Methodist.

"I've been blessed to know Donna for 16 years in a working environment and personally," said co-worker Mia-Lan Powers. "She is devoted to her family, friends, her music and work. She is always ready to help in any way she can."

As part of her giving heart, she has been the community chorus director for numerous years, presenting Christmas concerts for the area. The group is composed of people all over the community, of all denominations, who enjoy singing.

She volunteered several years with the Habitat for Humanity program, and just recently accepted a member post to the Generations Health Association board.

Co-worker Starr McVey said of Donna, "She is one of the most honest and trustworthy people I know, and she truly cares for the people she works with. Her time and involvement to her church and her family shows a level of commitment you don't find in many places."

She and Charlie have three children, Bret and Meg Campbell, Melissa and Nolan Ming, and Amy Blackwell, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

As busy as her professional life keeps her, Donna, 72, believes in staying active. She goes three times a week to Silver Sneakers exercise group, belongs to USA Gym, and enjoys working in her flower garden.

"I realize the importance of staying active, and I try to do my best to exercise and stay healthy," said Donna. "Of course I love to sing, read and do puzzles of all kinds."

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