



JENNET ROBINSON ALTERMAN

Jennet Robinson Alterman is a native of Charleston and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Women. Ms. Alterman has worked in television broadcasting, state and federal government and the non-profit sector. She has an extensive background in international development having served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Afghanistan, Peace Corps Country Director in Swaziland and the Interagency Coordinator for Peace Corps worldwide.

Ms. Alterman grew up in Charleston and is the daughter of Patricia and Emmett Robinson, longtime community theatre advocates and artists. She is a graduate of Ashley Hall and Mary Baldwin College and also attended the College of Charleston.

After college graduation she began her working career as a television news reporter and anchor for Channel 5/WCSC TV. She also was active as an actress with the Footlight Players in the Dock Street Theatre.

In 1977 she fulfilled a lifelong dream and went to Afghanistan as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Her work took her into much of rural Afghanistan where she developed and tested health education materials for women. She also helped to develop and test a pilot program to train traditional midwives. Upon her return to the U.S. then Lt. Governor Nancy Stevenson asked Ms. Alterman to serve as her Press Secretary. Ms. Alterman continued in state government after Lt. Gov. Stevenson's term ended and worked in senior management positions with the State Budget and Control Board.

In 1987 she returned to the international arena when she was appointed the Peace Corps Country Director for the Kingdom of Swaziland. After completing a three year tour she was appointed to the senior executive staff of the Peace Corps in Washington, D.C. She managed multiple interagency agreements totaling \$15 million annually that supported projects in more than 50 countries.

In 2001 she accepted the position with the Center for Women, a Charleston women's development center established in 1990. The Center for Women provides educational programs and support services for over 5000 women a year. Ms. Alterman also serves on the Board of Directors of the Lowcountry Food Bank, the Regional Advisory Board of the Leadership Institute of Columbia College, the Junior League Community Advisory Board and the Advisory Council of Charleston Area Therapeutic Riding (CATR). She is the treasurer of the Spaulding Paolozzi Foundation. In 2003 she was recognized as a

Woman of Distinction by the Carolina Lowcountry Girl Scouts and in 2004 she was chosen as one of the Skirt! Magazine 10.

She is married to noted photographer Jack Alterman.