

Center *for* Women

SUMMER 2001

President's Address

Dear Friend of the Center for Women,

As the President of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to provide you with an update on the exciting activities and services currently being offered at the Center for Women.

The 2001-2002 Board of Directors welcomes new members Joi Bostic, Rita Livingston, Jennifer McPherson, and McBee Zimmerman.

Our new Executive Director, Jennet Robinson Alterman, joined our staff in March. A native of Charleston, she has over twenty years of national and international experience in management, organizational development, volunteer services, and financial operations. She has held senior staff positions with the Peace Corps, the S.C. State Budget and Control Board, and the NOAA Coastal Services Center. Amanda Bunting, a May 2001 College of Charleston graduate and Women's Studies Intern, has also joined our staff as Program Coordinator. Volunteer Coordinator, Anne Livermore, is a former Veterans Administration official and longtime Center volunteer.

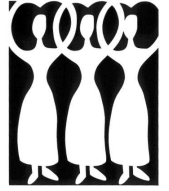
Our staff reflects our commitment to delivering support services to women in the Lowcountry in a professional and efficient manner. During the past three months, more than 350 women have directly benefited from our programs. We are proud to provide a place where peer support groups can meet, individual peer counseling can take place, and phone calls requesting assistance and support can be answered.

We are grateful for the generous donations we have received this year including a new telephone system, an extensive collection of books on various topics of therapeutic interest, a fax machine, office supplies, brochure racks, rugs, shower curtains, and customized note cards. A heartfelt thank you to Harriet Smartt, Rita Livingston, Cliff Wright, Anne Livermore, Linda Hancock, and Diane Doran Walters. Our thanks as well to Mary Ann Snyder, Tally Attaway, and Julie Smith for their creative designs exhibited at the Community Recognition Dinner.

There are many outreach activities planned for the coming months. The Annual Centering Conference is scheduled for October 13 with the Honorable Inez Tenenbaum, State Superintendent of Education, as our keynote speaker. You can log onto our web site at www.c4women.org at any time and get up-to-date information on all our events.

It's an exciting time to be involved with the Center for Women!

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Website

Check out our *NEW* website at www.c4women.org. You can get up-to-date information on all of our activities including support group meetings, brown bag lunch events, the Centering Conference, as well as links to other organizations that help and support women.

If you know of other sites we should link to please let us know.

Amanda Bunting
PROGRAM COODINATOR

Centering Conference October 13

The Center for Women's Ninth Annual Centering Conference will be held on October 13, 2001 at the Lightsey Center at the College of Charleston. The Honorable Inez Tenenbaum, State Superintendent of Education, has accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker. The theme of the conference is lifelong education for women. The program will include workshop sessions on a variety of topics including women's health, politics, technology, finance, career transitions and new approaches to well being. Registration information will be mailed out in September, or you can check our website at www.c4women.org for further information during the summer.

Wish List

In our quest to provide our support services in a professional and efficient manner, we would appreciate having the following: PC Computer, monitor, keyboard, digital camera, office supplies, vacuum cleaner, and paper products.

Information and Referral

The Center for Women provides a wide range of information and referrals both over the phone, in person, and through our lending library. The Center's Referral and Resource Directory contains an extensive listing of community outreach groups whose services are useful for women and their families.

Upcoming Events

Programs at the Center are developed in response to the needs and interests expressed by our members and the many women who call us for information and referrals. Please let us know if there are other topics that you would like us to address.

All events at the Center for Women are offered free of charge.

Upcoming Events cont'd.

Tuesdays, June 26th – July 31st ***“Math for Life”***

Decimals, percentages, positive and negative numbers, math tests for employment, on the job, and a refresher for those with 'calculator dependency'.

Daphne Wright

Trident Literacy Association

6 sessions on Tuesdays from 12 to 2pm on June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31.

Call 763-7333 to register.

Thursday, July 19th

Brown Bag Lunch Series at noon

“The \$ and Sense of Separation and Divorce”

The financial logistics involved.

Tricia Wilson, Pratt-Thomas, Gumb and Co.

Melissa Brown, Attorney

Thursday, July 26th

Brown Bag Lunch Series at noon

“It’s Not Just the Baby Blues”

Post Partum Depression

Elizabeth McCaleb, LMSW

Saturday, August 25th

Project Pride: Suited for Success

Bring your ‘still like new’ business clothes and help someone make a good impression at a job interview! Drop off clean and hangered clothes between 10am and 4pm at the Center for Women.

Suited for Success is a program offered through the Charleston County Human Services Commission to provide quality professional clothing for clients who need appropriate attire to enter the workforce or for the job search.

Jennet Robinson Alterman
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Support Groups

Support Groups are formed on the basis of need. Group participants focus on learning from others who have similar concerns. The groups are facilitated with the help of trained professionals who donate their time. No fees are charged, but donations are accepted. All groups meet at the Center. Current topics include **Depression and Anxiety, Women in Transition, Lesbian, Same Gender Love/Women of Color, and Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse**. Check the schedule on our website at www.c4women.org or call us at 763-7333 for more information.

Peer Counseling

Peer Counselors meet with you one-on-one to help actively work on problem solving strategies and to identify community resources. Peer Counselors provide support and encouragement for change. Our mission is to empower and to encourage independence. Peer Counseling is free of charge and takes place at the Center. Call 763-7333 for an appointment.

Volunteering at the Center

The Center depends on volunteers to staff the office daily and to answer referral questions, develop mailings, and organize projects and special events. Go to our website at www.c4women.org or call 763-7333 for a volunteer application and training schedule.

Volunteer Profile

Alyssa Neeley is one of the Center for Women's most dedicated volunteers. Since completing her training in May 1995, she has been an exemplary Peer Counselor. She is always willing to assist and identify resources for women who request peer counseling. Alyssa is a physical therapist who moved to Charleston from Boston. We are very grateful for her continuous support and dedication to the Center for Women.

Volunteer News

Volunteer training sessions were held May 22nd and 24th with fifteen volunteers and Board members participating.

Welcome to all the volunteers who have agreed to work with telephone referrals one day a week: **Kathleen Acerno, Judy Sawyer, Lana Gertsen, Karolyn Eworo-Enfumo, Prudence Goss** and Board member **Rita Livingston**.

Welcome also to the volunteers who are helping us with special projects and events: **Erica Markham, Diane Doran Walters, Julie Risher, and Mary E. Wilchanovsky**.

Anne Livermore

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Membership

a member or renew your membership and help support women in the Lowcountry!
Please detach and send to:

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531 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

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Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

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(We accept MASTERCARD and VISA)

Exp. Date _____

- \$500 Benefactor Member
- \$250 Patron Member
- \$100 Committee of 100
- \$50 Sustaining Member
- \$25 Supporting Member
- \$15 Student Member
- \$ Donation

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