



## **Joanne Olvera Lighter**

### *Professional Profile*

Joanne Olvera Lighter is a nonprofit executive who has been a catalyst for institutional and community advancement, motivating donors and organizations to unite for mutual success. She retired in 2005 as Founding President & CEO of Allegany Franciscan Ministries, a member of Catholic Health East. The first Board Chair of the Florida Philanthropic Network, Ms. Lighter collaborated with state and national foundations to develop public policy research on Florida's independent sector. Her early career was spent at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Rochester, West Virginia University. A resident of Tampa Bay since 1985, Ms. Lighter was the Executive Director of Suncoast Hospital Foundation, then founded a consulting firm, The Lighter Company.

### *Community Service/Affiliations*

She has served on numerous community boards including three years as co-chair of the Prosperity Campaign for Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. She is a member of the 2001 Leadership America class, the Athena Society, and the CEO Council. She previously served on the national Board of NETWORK. As CEO of The Spring, she sits on numerous agency-related committees and initiatives including the Executive Committee of the USF Harrell Center, the Commission on the Status of Women of the Hillsborough County Commission, the Child Protection-Domestic Violence Steering Committee of the Family Justice Center, and Hillsborough County's Commission on the Status of Women. She is also active with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, serving on its Legislative Committee.