

**Cynthia Jacobs Carter**  
Chief Development Officer



**Africare**



Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter joined the staff in 2008 and currently serves as Chief Development Officer at Africare's Washington, DC headquarters. She leads the unrestricted fundraising efforts, which include events, campaigns, planned giving, direct mail, social media fund raising, cause marketing, and the growing of the endowment. In addition, she and her team focus on major gifts, stewardship, and prospect research. The events and development team also carries out Africare's signature fund raising event, the Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner, which is the largest gala held in the U.S. for the purpose of raising funds for Africa.

Before coming to Africare, Dr. Carter served as Director of Development for the Council for International Voluntary Action (InterAction) and prior to that, she was Director of Development in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, and the School of Medicine at Howard University in Washington, DC. She served as a Director in Institutional Advancement at The George Washington University (GW) before joining the Howard University staff. She played active roles in \$250 million and \$500 million dollar capital campaigns at Howard and at GW. She has also served as adjunct professor at Georgetown University and The George Washington University, both in Africana Women's Studies.

Dr. Carter earned a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership and a Master of Arts degree in International Education from The George Washington University. Her undergraduate degree is from Virginia State University.