

MICHELLE PATTERSON BIO

Michelle Patterson's name conjures up many credits – visionary, author, acceleration executive, founder, passionate, talk show host and dynamic speaker. She is a woman of many dimensions.

Today, Michelle Patterson is Executive Director of the Global Women Foundation, a 501(c) (3) public charity that serves to provide support, leadership and advocacy for women's initiatives around the globe. The charity, which started almost ten years ago as a local festival supporting 22 charities, has grown into a global movement for women.

Ms. Patterson is also the Founder, President and CEO of Women Network LLC, a digital media company giving women a voice to share their message. WomenNetwork.com's "umbrella platform" shines a light on organizations and corporations who empower women and bring them together as a community to experience "We are Better Together." The online digital network provides women resources, tools and advice to achieve their full potential.

Ms. Patterson is driven by the belief that everyone has something significant to contribute and when people (male or female) come together and support one another; "We are truly Better Together." She is committed to helping individuals discover their talent and connect to the right circle of people to live out their purpose.

Michelle Patterson had the good fortune to interview California Governor George Deukmejian when she was 12 years old. Governor Deukmejian was just starting the California Women's Conference to advance women's causes. Nearly 30 years later, Ms. Patterson took over the reins of the well-known California Women's Conference continuing its 28-year tradition as the nation's preeminent conference for women - a perfect example of the objective Governor Deukmejian set out when he first started the Conference.

A successful event promoter (Taste of Ladera); a lauded business accelerator (youngest Regional VP and National Sales Trainer for Robert Half, the world's largest specialized recruiting firm); a sought-after media commentator (The Huffington Post, CNBC, Fox Business News, Bloomberg and dozens of California TV stations); an energetic and engaging public speaker; host of a weekly radio show on Women Network Talk Radio; Ms. Patterson is also the headlining author for a women's anthology featuring notable celebrity contributors to be released by Ben Bella Books in Fall 2013. It will be her third book.

Beyond her notable business success, Ms. Patterson is most passionate about her family. She lives in Ladera Ranch, California with her husband of nearly twenty years, Eric, a successful corporate CFO in his own right, and their two beautiful children, Jaclyn and Chase.