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Partnership Calls for Award Nominations

Westminster, Md. – (January 21, 2010) - As the premier institution driving efforts to improve health and quality of life in Carroll County, The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County applauds the accomplishments of people and organizations whose achievements have made our community a better, healthier place to live. The Partnership's awards program annually recognizes the outstanding partners who are working toward this common goal.

In 2002 The Partnership established the *Dr. Janet W. Neslen Award* for exceptional performance in promoting and improving access to health care. This award is named in honor of Dr. Janet W. Neslen, a long-term advocate for health care access for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Carroll County. Previously awarded annually, it is now awarded in the years when a well-qualified recipient is identified.

The *Community Champion Award* is a new award created to recognize other types of exceptional health improvement efforts. This Award will be granted every year to an individual who has shown leadership, vision, and decisive action in strengthening our community's health and quality of life.

Also new, the *Worksite Wellness Award* recognizes the outstanding achievements of a business or organization in implementing employee health promotion programs or wellness events. The Award acknowledges innovative, measurable efforts to improve employee health and ensure healthy work environments.

Nominations for the *Dr. Janet W. Neslen*, *Community Champion*, and *Worksite Wellness Awards* are now open. If you know of a person or organization qualified to receive one of these awards, please make a nomination on their behalf. This year's award recipients will be announced at the May 12, 2010 *We're On Our Way* community forum at the Portico of St. John in Westminster.

Award details and nomination forms can be found on The Partnership website, www.HealthyCarroll.org. For more information, contact Dorothy Fox at 410-871-6373 or DLFox@CarrollHospitalCenter.org.

~~Nominations for this year's awards are due by March 15, 2010.~~

Deadline extended to March 30, 2010.

The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc., an affiliate of Carroll Hospital Center and the Carroll County Health Department, is a private, nonprofit community led organization that seeks to build capacity for both health and quality of life improvement.

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