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### **The Partnership hosts *We're On Our Way* community forum** *Maryland health care reform, nutrition improvement headline annual event*

**Westminster, MD** – (May 17, 2011) – On May 11, community members and representatives of public health and health care organizations gathered at St. John's Portico in Westminster for The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County's annual community forum, *We're On Our Way*. Over 140 persons registered for the event, which was focused this year on health care reform and initiatives to promote good nutrition for children in Carroll County. Speakers also reviewed The Partnership's activities during the past year, described the L.E.A.N. Carroll *It's Crunch Time!* program, and gave a nutritional guidelines update.

Also covered were statistics from the *Healthy Carroll Vital Signs Dashboard*, which showed Carroll's progress in reducing motor vehicle deaths, cancer deaths, and the adult obesity rate. However, *Dashboard* data indicates that more work is needed to increase the number of older women receiving mammograms and increase the percentage of adults who eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

Outstanding contributors to our community's health were recognized with special awards, including Imelda Udo, M.D., OB/GYN, who received the Dr. Janet W. Neslen Access to Health Care Award, and Carroll Community College, which received the Worksite Wellness Award. Dorothy "Dottie" Taylor was presented with the inaugural Karen Feroli Community Champion Award for her work with the Carroll County Children's Fund.

The *We're On Our Way* community forum is held every year in May, and is open to the public. Check The Partnership's web site [www. Healthy Carroll.org](http://www.HealthyCarroll.org) in 2012 for information about next year's forum.



**PHOTO #1 CAPTION:** Attendees and exhibits at The Partnership's 2011 *We're On Our Way* community forum.



**PHOTO #2 CAPTION:** Rosemary Murphey, The Partnership Board Member, with Carol Kolb representing Carroll Community College, 2011 Worksite Wellness Award Winner.



**PHOTO #3 CAPTION:** John Sernulka, Carroll Hospital Center President, with Dorothy “Dottie” Taylor, winner of the 2011 Karen Feroli Community Champion Award.



**PHOTO #4 CAPTION:** Larry Leitch, Carroll County Health Officer and The Partnership Board Member with **Imelda Udo, M.D., OB/GYN.**

*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 health and quality of life improvement.*

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