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New Healthy Carroll Vital Signs Data Charts Released

Westminster, MD – (July 12, 2011) – Our community's health status can be accurately viewed via the data trend charts published as *Healthy Carroll Vital Signs* and available at no cost on www.HealthyCarroll.org.

More than 50 health indicators and their data charts have been reviewed and updated as part of The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County's annual community health assessment processes. Originally established in 2005 by the expert members of The Partnership's various leadership teams, *Healthy Carroll Vital Signs* indicators and data charts are planning and evaluation resources for individuals and organizations who are working toward better health in Carroll County.

A continuing negative trend is revealed in data showing less physical activity and less healthy eating habits among Carroll residents. Also, the number of persons who lack health insurance and people who are unable to see a physician because of cost appears to be growing. But there is good news, too – including a downward trend in the motor vehicle death rate.

Healthy Carroll Vital Signs provides information about data sources, improvement objectives, and more, and is one the ways The Partnership is connecting people, inspiring action, and strengthening our community.

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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