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ANNOUNCEMENT

Ten Years of Building a Healthier Community

Westminster, Md. – (May 21, 2009) — The Partnership recognized valued partners and progress achieved in ten years of building a healthier community at a special anniversary edition of the *We're On Our Way* annual forum on May 13.

Tricia Supik, R.N. M.A., Executive Director and CEO of The Partnership, and various members discussed the various programs implemented over the past decade and unveiled new plans for the future. Guests included Maryland delegates Susan Krebs, Donald Elliott and Nancy Stocksdales; Jonathan Herman, mayor of Sykesville; Heather Campbell, field representative for U.S. Senator Benjamin Cardin and numerous community members.

During the forum, a new *Healthy Carroll Vital Signs* Dashboard was introduced, as measuring results outcomes and progress toward health improvement benchmarks is a major function of the organization. Dr. Alva Baker presented an overview of the recent elder health needs assessment conducted by The Partnership. Titled *The Face of Our Senior Community*, the publication provides critically important information in planning for the future needs of this rapidly growing population.

The Partnership will continue to facilitate collaboration, empower individual responsibility, and encourage health-wise policy changes to bring about greater health and quality of life in Carroll County. The Partnership announced that it will emphasize illness and injury prevention, tobacco-free living, and the promotion of healthy weights as *pillars of wellness* in its next decade.

In recognition of its anniversary, The Partnership was honored with a Certificate of Recognition from U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin presented by his field representative Heather Campbell, and a citation of congratulations from the Maryland General Assembly, which was presented by Delegate Susan W. Krebs.

The Partnership's newly redesigned corporate logo and updated website were also unveiled, and the establishment of new "Community Champion" and "Worksite Wellness" awards was announced.

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Dr. Alva S. Baker, Vice President of Health and Wellness Services, Episcopal Ministries to the Aging, Inc., Executive Director, The Copper Ridge Institute, Director, The Center for The Study of Aging at McDaniel College, and Member, Partnership Executive Council



Left to right: **Larry L. Leitch**, Carroll County Health Officer, Vice Chair, Partnership Board of Directors; **Rosemary E. Murphey**, RN, MBA, Nurse Consultant, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Vice Chair, Partnership Executive Council; **Lynn Wheeler**, Director of the Carroll County Public Library, Executive Council Chairperson, The Partnership; **The Honorable Susan B. Krebs**, Maryland House of Delegates; **John M. Sernulka**, President & CEO, Carroll Hospital Center, and Chair, Partnership Board of Directors



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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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