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FAITH IN ACTION COALITION ELECTS NEW CHAIRPERSON

WESTMINSTER, MD, AUGUST 2, 2006: The FAITH IN ACTION Carroll County Neighbors Helping Neighbors Coalition is pleased to announce the election of Ms. Joan McGrath as their new chairperson. The Coalition manages the Carroll County Neighbors Helping Neighbors program that recruits, trains and supports volunteers to meet the non-medical needs of county residents who are isolated elderly, disabled, ill or frail and striving to remain in their own homes.

Ms. McGrath previously served as the Congregational Liaison from Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster before her nomination and election as chairperson. Some of the responsibilities of Ms. McGrath's new position include building community support across the faith groups in Carroll County, program and budget supervision, and increasing congregational participation.

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Prior to Ms. McGrath's election, Rev. Gerald Fuss of Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ in Taneytown and Rev. Walt Peters of the First United Presbyterian Church in Westminster served as interim co-chairs.

The Faith in Action Carroll County Neighbors Helping Neighbors program is part of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant awarded to The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc. in 2005. The program encourages county residents across all faith organizations to put their "Faith in Action" by volunteering to provide non-medical services such as telephone and email reassurance, friendly visits, yard work, and light housekeeping.

Carroll County Neighbors Helping Neighbors works closely with Seniors Keep in Touch (SKIT) of Carroll County. One Project Coordinator and one grant administrator keep the program running. Currently 34 volunteers from 13 congregations around the county are members of the Faith in Action program.

For more information on FAITH IN ACTION Carroll County Neighbors Helping Neighbors please visit www.healthycarroll.org.

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