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## Volunteer Spotlight Judy McCracken: Cheering for CarePartners

The same words that described Judy McCracken in her high school year-book still apply today: active and dependable. During her teens Judy was a cheerleader, and now she offers that same enthusiasm to her volunteer work with CarePartners Foundation. In 2004 Judy was invited by another volunteer to join the activity at Hospice Treasures resale store, where she was immediately in her element. Through her talent for flower arranging and decorating she has made many contributions to CarePartners Foundation's fund raising efforts.

Last year Judy cheered on a group of volunteers as Chair of the decorating committee for the annual Celebrity Dinner. All those in attendance would confirm that Judy and her committee did

an excellent job creating a beautiful, elegant and fun environment for the event. In addition to her work with Hospice Treasures and Celebrity Dinner, Judy participated in the 2005 Festival of Trees by creating the "vintage Christmas shop" displays.

Judy's connection with CarePartners started when her father was in Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital for an extended amount of time after suffering a heart attack and stroke. "The staff there worked diligently and lovingly with him," she said. "I volunteer at Hospice Treasures, along with many other devoted volunteers, to show my appreciation and to give back to a wonderful organization. It's fulfilling and has opened up opportunities for me to talk about the work of the foundation and explain the purpose of what we do. I'm enjoying the experience!"

### **Carrabba's Presents - Let Us Entertain You A Celebrity Dinner to Benefit CarePartners Mountain Area Hospice**

Thursday, May 25, 2006 at Crest Pavilion  
6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Dancing

### **New tax credit for North Carolina donors**

Did you donate more than 2% of your adjusted gross income in 2005? You may be eligible for a North Carolina tax credit even if you do not itemize deductions on your federal tax forms. You can claim a credit for 7% of the amount exceeding your 2% figure. See your state tax forms for more details, or give us a call.

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## Ask Scott...About Memorial Bricks

**Q: What are Memorial Bricks?**

A: Memorial bricks are installed in the Memorial Walkway and adjoining courtyard of the John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center. They allow Hospice supporters and loved ones of patients to contribute financially while adding a lasting tribute in memory or in honor of someone special. 750 bricks were engraved prior to the opening of the Solace Center.

**Q: Can I have a brick engraved with the name of a loved one?**

A: Yes. With a donation of \$100, a brick can be engraved with any name or sentiment that will fit into two lines of text of 13 characters each. While we can honor requests to keep multiple bricks together, we cannot place bricks in specific locations.

**Q: When will more bricks be engraved?**

A: We are currently proofing for a spring engraving. Any additional requests will be added to the next batch and engraved when we have a sufficient number. We anticipate engraving once or twice a year until all available bricks have been engraved.



**Do you have questions for Scott Buchanan, Executive Director of CarePartners Foundation? Call 277-4815 for answers!**

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