



## DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE

### *Judy Carpenter*

President & COO, Riverside Medical Clinic

Public service demands on things above all else: time. Navigating a crushing schedule as chief operating officer of Riverside Medical Center, the 2013 Distinguished Public Service recipient Judy Carpenter somehow always finds time to give back and pay it forward.

As COO, Carpenter operates at the core of the company, making sure that the infrastructure is strong and healthy.

She extends this dedication to excellence and service out into the community on a daily basis. Carpenter is a member of the influential Monday Morning and Raincross groups, and chair for the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce. She serves on the board of the Janet Goeske Foundation, the Riverside County Regional Medical Center Foundation, the Riverside Community Health Foundation, the RCCD Chancellor's Circle, and the RCCD Foundation Board of Directors.

Carpenter may be one of the few COOs who have a fan base, and it is extensive. HUB International Vice President Robert Lancaster calls her "an extraordinary person who is gifted with a unique ability to lead and manage people while commanding their respect and friendship." And Nancy Kishino, director of the West Coast Spine Restoration Center, marvels that Carpenter "never turns down an opportunity to volunteer her services" to help others.

Carpenter, a CPA with Ernst & Young prior to joining RMC twenty-five years ago, knows that the right investment brings a good return. She has been instrumental in securing RMC support for allied health programs at Moreno Valley College, the nursing program at Riverside City College, and other initiatives that foster student success and help build a stronger workforce.

Beyond the anticipated ROI, however, Carpenter simply cares about people. She is involved in many organizations--the American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, and American Heart Association, among others. And she has been recognized as a "Woman Who Makes a Difference," one of "51 People to Watch," and as a Woman of Achievement by the Riverside County YWCA, an Athena of the Inland Valleys Award recipient, and winner of the Corporate Spirit of the Entrepreneur award.