



## HEALTH CARE REFORM ENGAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

### **Judy Crane**

Trained as a radiology technician at Norfolk Hospital and as an interventional specialist at the University of Virginia, Judy went on to a successful 21-year career in medical sales. In 2005, she suffered a dissected aorta followed by a stroke. After her recovery, she continued her sales career part-time in pharmacy services and home appraisals.

At this time, Judy also became an active advocate for people affected by aphasia. With the support of Speech Therapist Angela Sommers, she founded YACC, the Young Aphasia Communication Club in Annapolis, Maryland. She was a former board member and volunteer at SCALE, the Snyder Center for Aphasia Life Enhancement in Baltimore, and the former co-editor of the Maryland Stroke Alliance Newsletter. She is currently a patient advisor for the Stroke Committee and a member of the Patient and Family Advisory Council at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. As a patient advisor, she organized the Stroke Club and was the founder of Peer-to-Peer program for stroke patients at AAMC.

Judy speaks often about her personal story of recovery, and addresses patient-focused issues for healthcare professionals from the perspective of a stroke survivor. Also, she is a passionate advocate for aphasia awareness, speaking to patients and families, community businesses, and health providers.

Judy lives in Millersville, Maryland with her husband Steve, and has two children, Laura and Will.