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**'Change for me means when you see a need
you step up to the plate and try to do your part
instead of sitting on the sideline complaining.'**

– CAROLYN COPLEY WAKE ('52)
Community networker and volunteer

A lifetime of service

Carolyn Copley Wake ('52) has spent a lifetime serving her community, church and family and credits her upbringing and her Madison Experience for her drive to make a difference.

In an era when many women devoted themselves exclusively to raising their families, **Carolyn Copley Wake ('52)** was a networker. You can almost hear her Southern drawl: "Come on." But her intent was far more than social; her networking changed lives. The business major, now retired with her husband alongside the Piankatank River in eastern Virginia — a playhouse, she says, for her children and grandchildren — can look back over a lifetime of service in Richmond, Va., and in places as far away as the Caribbean. As a young mother of four boys, "I often felt as if I was waking up in a men's dormitory," she reminisces. Wake served on Richmond's city council for which she visited schools and realized the great needs in the lives of others. "My family volunteered in community endeavors like cleaning up alleys. Our children

took part, and I felt it helped them to understand our responsibility to one another." Encouraged by her mentor, Inez Graybeal Roop ('35), Wake also served her church and The Bethlehem Center, a community service organization. When friends started the Friends of Barnabas Foundation, an outreach to Honduras, Wake and her husband, John, served on the board and joined in trips to the nation. The group treated children afflicted by parasites; later they added a surgical unit and an eye clinic. "We saw folks that had never seen completely just beam when fitted with correct glasses." Wake credits her lifetime of service to her upbringing, her Madison Experience and a supportive husband.

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