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Elizabeth Shell Carr began her successful and fulfilling career in social services as a social work assistant. She quickly became a senior social worker, who dedicated more than 23 years to providing comprehensive, compassionate and confidential social services to patients and their families.

During her tenure at St. Luke's, Ms. Carr graduated the first group of parenting women in substance abuse recovery through their Comprehensive Care Program. Ms. Carr also sought and received an annual grant of \$1,000 to benefit St. Luke's Youth and Family Program. This

grant was used to provide cultural enrichment to the local community. Ms. Carr's desire to continue providing social services did not stop when she retired from St. Luke's. She joined the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, where she coordinated an Employee Assistance Program.

During her tenure with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ms. Carr received a Salute & Coin of Appreciation from the Colonel of Ft. Hamilton and a tribute from the United States House of Representatives for outstanding work with veterans. She was also entered into the 110th Congressional Record with the first female Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and had the opportunity to meet President Bill Clinton. Ms. Carr worked for the Harlem Vet Center as a Readjustment and Military Sexual Trauma Counselor, where she provided individual, couple and group therapy.

Ms. Carr's love, compassion and desire to help others was not limited to her successful professional career. For the last 30 years, she has been an active member of her Brooklyn community and her beloved Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she serves in various ministries and on committees. She has even published a few pieces of writing in the New York Writers Coalition for EBC's Prime Time Writers Group, Dig Deep online magazine, and (SEIU) Service Employees International Union Local 1199 Nationwide Magazine.

Although challenged by cancer in 2014, Ms. Carr remains strong in her commitment to continue her community work, offering her expertise and time to those around her. She believes that God still has work for her to do.