

# *In Memoriam*

## **Dr. Barbara Cofey Medley**

September 4, 1949 – July 29, 2013



Dr. Barbara Medley exemplified UTC's metropolitan mission of engagement, teaching, and scholarship. She joined the UTC faculty in 2000 and joyfully assumed the Directorship of the Community Outreach Partnership Center, a HUD-funded initiative that mobilized a diverse array of resources to build capacity within the Martin Luther King, Jr. neighborhood. Dr. Medley invested the same energy and passion into her role as Director of the Center for Applied Social Research, attracting more than \$800,000 in external funding to support applied scholarship, outreach, and engagement. Her efforts brought tremendous learning opportunities for UTC students and empowered countless individuals through advocacy and programmatic initiatives.

Dr. Medley made a difference through her relentless dedication to serving students, mentoring other faculty, bolstering UTC's orientation to community service, and advocating policies and programs to improve the lives of people in our region. Her kindness and compassion touched everyone with whom she interacted. Though she will be greatly missed by the campus community, her good works and many accomplishments will remain a lasting tribute to our dear friend and colleague, Barbara Medley.

Source: UTC Annual Report 2013.

*“...Dr. Medley taught, researched, and participated in her community to make the lives, particularly of young people, better.”*

~Dr. Pamela Ashmore, Department Head of Sociology, Anthropology, & Geography

*“This was the essence of her life and her work: to make the world a better place than she found it.”*

~Dr. Richard L. Brown, Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations

*“Dr. Medley exemplified what it means to be part of the UTC family; she took a genuine interest in everyone she met.”*

~Dr. Jerald Ainsworth, Provost & Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs