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Carol Kerr is the creator and inspiration behind the Pathways to Effective for Cannabis Education (P.E.A.C.E.) website. However, the P.E.A.C.E. Movement was birthed in her kitchen on a chilly January afternoon by a group of disappointed, but dedicated cannabis advocates. As a patient who knows the benefits of medical marijuana. She has dedicated her life to helping educate people concerning the real need for safe access to this healing substance.

Carol has hydrocephalus (relieved via) shunt placed in a jugular vein, an Arnold Chiari brain malformation (surgically relieved via skull decompression) and chronic and debilitating neuropathy & arthritis. At age 12 Carol was struck with meningoencephalitis and has suffered from chronic pain associated with Lyme disease. She has had at least 15 surgeries in the last 20 years which has led to 5 cases of M.R.S.A. staph infections. All this adds up to a lot of pain and suffering.

Carol has found her humanity despite her numerous limitations and her friends and co-activists recognize her as one of the 'Shining Lights' in the cannabis/hemp freedom movement. She is an unflinching advocate for creating Pathways to Effective Action for Cannabis Education (P.E.A.C.E.) and justice; recognizing her connection and solidarity with the entire cannabis/hemp movement – and not just patients.

Carol testifies eloquently regarding the benefits of Cannabis over synthetic pharmaceuticals. Due to her serious neurological pain she has had access to all kinds of pain relievers; some so strong they made her forget her own son's name. Her body can no longer tolerate those drugs and she understands that for some people access to safe medical-grade cannabis means life or death.

In 2010 Carol worked selflessly, despite her pain and limitations, for the passage of SB1381: The Compassionate Use of Medical cannabis Pilot Program Act in Illinois. She lobbied at the

Illinois Capitol and also began the process of creating advocacy groups with the focus of P.E.A.C.E. She considers her website a tool for advocates and welcomes all 'peaceful' connections. 2011 finds her more fully engaged than ever in recruiting and supporting the formation and activities of grass roots cannabis/hemp advocacy groups across our state and nation.

"Everyone has 'something' to offer the movement. Let's work together to bring positive change to our nation. Let's let our love lights shine unto all men that we may create P.E.A.C.E. and end cannabis prohibition once and for ALL!!"