

WHETZEL CHARLES E JR  
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**FORM 5**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 WHETZEL CHARLES E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1170 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 900

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CARTERS INC [CRI]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/03/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           | ^  | G                              | 600 (1) D \$ 0 (2)  | 342,620  | D  | ^                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           | ^  | G                              | 600 (1) D \$ 0 (2)  | 342,020  | D  | ^                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           | ^  | G                              | 600 (1) D \$ 0 (2)  | 341,420  | D  | ^                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2008                           | ^  | G                              | 600 (1) D \$ 0 (2)  | 340,820  | D  | ^                                 |

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|              |            |   |   |                                   |   |                     |         |   |   |
|--------------|------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 12/10/2008 | Â | G | 600 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub> | D | \$ 0 <sub>(2)</sub> | 340,220 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2008 | Â | G | 600 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub> | D | \$ 0 <sub>(2)</sub> | 339,620 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2008 | Â | G | 600 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub> | D | \$ 0 <sub>(2)</sub> | 339,020 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2008 | Â | G | 600 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub> | D | \$ 0 <sub>(2)</sub> | 338,420 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of D Se B O E Is Fi (I |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                 |                           |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| WHETZEL CHARLES E JR<br>1170 PEACHTREE STREET<br>SUITE 900<br>ATLANTA, GA 30309 | Â             | Â         | Â Executive Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles E. Whetzel, Jr.

02/10/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Gift to child not sharing the same household. Mr. Whetzel disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Whetzel is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (2) Mr. Whetzel received no consideration for the transfer of the securities, which were given as a gift.  
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