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## FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement CARTERS INC [CRI] Evans Lisa (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1170 PEACHTREE ST., SUITE (Check all applicable) 900 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP and Brand Leader Person ATLANTA, GAÂ 30309 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 15,457 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	(2)	08/05/2019	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 26.49	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	(2)	02/16/2020	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 28.04	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	(2)	02/24/2021	Common Stock	9,600	\$ 28.44	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	(2)	02/12/2022	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 42.61	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Evans Lisa			EVP			
1170 PEACHTREE ST., SUITE 900	Â	Â	and Brand	Â		
ATLANTA, GA 30309			Leader			

## **Signatures**

Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Lisa Evans

01/15/2013

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Some of these restricted shares are subject to restrictions that lapse in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) These time-vesting options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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