

Rork Christopher
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Rork Christopher

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1170 PEACHTREE ST.
 (Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/22/2012

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)

EVP of Supply Chain

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A		4,000 (1)	\$ 0 (2)	19,000 (3)	D
Common Stock	02/22/2012		A		8,000 (4)	\$ 0 (2)	27,000 (3)	D

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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 42.61	02/22/2012		A	8,000 (5)	02/22/2013 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/22/2022	Common Stock 8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Rork Christopher 1170 PEACHTREE ST. ATLANTA, GA 30309	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP of Supply Chain

Signatures

Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Rork
 Signature: _____ Date: 02/24/2012

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) These restricted shares are subject to restrictions that lapse in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Granted at no cost to the reporting person.
- (3) Some of these shares are restricted shares that are subject to either time-vesting or performance-based restrictions.
- (4) These restricted shares cliff vest based upon the achievement of certain 2014 earnings targets.
- (5) These time-vesting options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the grant date.

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