

# carrier

## OF THE OLYMPIC TORCH

*DC alumna Bonnie Bundy Bobbitt '69 is honored to take part in the only U.S. leg of the Olympic Torch Relay*

**B**onnie Bundy Bobbitt, a 1969 DC Alumna, was a proud carrier of the Olympic Torch in San Francisco in April. The San Francisco leg of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Torch Relay, the only U.S. stop of the five-month global event, included roughly 80 torchbearers.

Bobbitt was one of six Ambassadors of Active Living selected by sponsor Coca-Cola from a pool of more than 1,000 nominees nationwide. Winners of the competition were chosen based on their dedication to living and promoting active lifestyles to make a positive, sustainable difference in their local communities.

Bobbitt's contributions to her community include working to reinstate \$300,000 in federal funding for the construction of a multi-use path and identifying funding and procedures that resulted in her city – Fayetteville, Ga. – receiving \$500,000 for the construction of sidewalks, bicycle surfaces, improved safety and handicap access, and drainage improvements.

She spearheaded an effort that resulted in her county's erecting 66 Share the Road signs.

Her bicycle study was used by consultants in preparing the county's comprehensive transportation plan. She raised funds that contributed toward the production of the Georgia Bicycle Law Enforcement Pocket Guide, which she distributed to all law enforcement officers in Fayette County and is being used by the county and municipal law enforcement agencies for training. She was also active in bringing the first Effective Cycling class to the county and promoted and supported her cycling club and countless cycling events.

"Carrying the Olympic torch is definitely a high point in my life," said Bobbitt, who traveled to San Francisco with her husband and daughter. In spite of the unexpected – two course changes, a shortening of the route from six miles to three, being paired with a torchbearer partner, and being unable to communicate the location of the final course to her family – it was still an exhilarating experience. ♦



*Bobbitt helping to carry the Olympic Torch (above) and standing in front of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco (left).*