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Carthage Native's CD to Aid Cancer Research

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As a way to ease the grief from the deaths of her father and her husband, a Carthage native turned to music.

"Music is a powerful healer," said Karen Pavlicin in a press release from Andermax Records, producer of her CD. "Writing these songs helped me work through my grief. I hope listening to them will help others find a little bit of faith for their journey, too."

Pavlicin, the daughter of Alma and the late David Price of West Carthage, lost her husband, Bob at age 38 to colon cancer, and her father died less than two years later at age 64 of a heart attack.

"Everyone knows someone who is facing a trial or loss and could use encouragement. And most of us know someone touched by cancer," said Pavlicin. "My hope is that this music will help on both fronts - as encouragement for those searching for inspiration and to help raise money to find a cure for cancer."

All the profits of the full-length music CD, "Little Bit of Faith," will be donated to cancer research.

The 12-song CD features contemporary blues, folk and jazz stylings and original lyrics. Pavlicin made her songwriting debut last spring with the release of her single "I Be-



Photo submitted

Karen Pavlicin

lieve in You," a song dedicated to military families. A former military spouse, Pavlicin is well known for her books for military families "Surviving Deployment: A guide for mili-

tary families" and "Life After Deployment: Military families share reunion stories and advice." She has also written an award-winning children's

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novel, "Perch," "Mrs. Sackets," and "Crow's Nest," which is set in her hometown of Carthage.

In order to perform her debut song, Pavlicin took voice lessons. She also took guitar lessons to help with the songwriting process.

"For those early songs, I worked with my friend David Edgerton, a seasoned jazz musician," said the songwriter. "After playing around with my songs and getting a good idea of what I wanted to do with the CD, I teamed up with producer/musician Dan Kowalke. We each recruited some great local Twin Cities musicians and vocalists to work with us in the studio. It took around a year and a half to finish the project."

Four years ago, Pavlicin left the corporate world to focus on her creative work.

"Moving into the whole

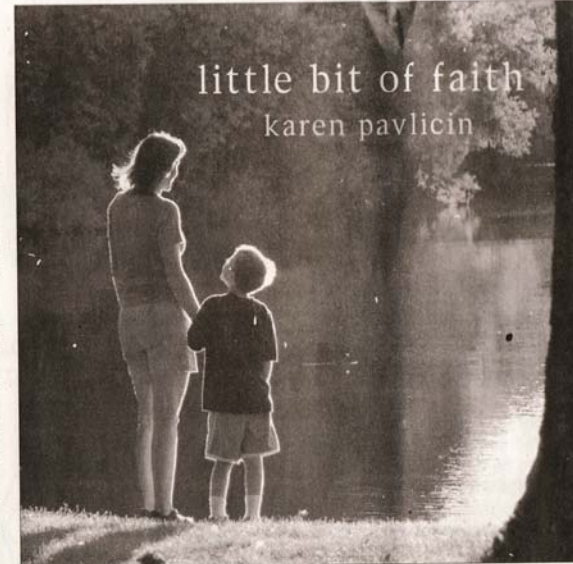
singer/songwriter realm and producing a CD has been an incredible experience," said the author and songwriter. "I learned a great deal about making music and about myself."

Now that her CD is being marketed, the Carthage native said she feels hopeful.

"I hope the songs will help others who need encouragement or inspiration. I hope to raise a good chunk of money for cancer research," she said. "I hope to bring someone else hope and a little bit of faith!"

The CD, priced at \$15, is available locally from Alma Price, or you can buy at your favorite retailer or online at www.AndermaxRecords.com or Amazon.com. To hear sample clips of the CD, go to www.LittleBitofFaith.com.

For more about the artist, visit www.KarenPavlicin.com.



The cover of the "Little Bit of Faith" CD.

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