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Salem, Arkansas Pharmacists, Karrol and Vicki Fowlkes, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) has selected Karrol and Vicki Fowlkes as the recipients of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. The Fowlkes were presented with the award during the APA Annual Convention, June 12-14, 2013. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

The Fowlkes are long-time residents of Salem in Fulton County and Little Rock. Ms. Fowlkes did pre-pharmacy work at University of Central Arkansas and Arkansas State University (ASU) at Beebe and received her bachelor's degree in Pharmacy from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in 1974. After graduation, she worked at Petty's Drug in North Little Rock for several years.

Mr. Fowlkes graduated from Hendrix College in 1969 and UAMS College of Pharmacy in 1974 and received his doctor of Pharmacy in 1976. After that, he joined the UAMS College of Pharmacy faculty and was named Associate Dean for Student and Academic affairs in 1985.

The Fowlkes were married in 1983 and then purchased a local pharmacy. They later purchased the Disposable Medical Supply business, Finnegan Health Services. Ms. Fowlkes served on the APA Board of Directors and, in 1993, became APA's first woman president. She served for many years on the Admissions Committee for UAMS COP, and the Dean's Advisory Council.

Mr. Fowlkes now raises cattle while Ms. Fowlkes enjoys gardening and has opened a small business on the town square. They are active in their church and serve on the finance committee, volunteer at Salem industrial development, the Salem Fair Board, Fair Board Foundation and for schools in Mammoth and Salem. Mr. Fowlkes continues to serve on the Board of Bank of Salem and Farm Bureau Board.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession's most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or info@aphafoundation.org.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a national leader in designing programs to help patients with chronic healthcare conditions by optimizing medication use through coordination with pharmacists, the medication experts. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through pharmacists' patient care services. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website www.aphafoundation.org.

About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.