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Tarzana Pharmacist Robert T. Shmaeff Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) has selected Robert Shmaeff as the recipient of the 2015 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Shmaeff was presented with the award at the West Coast Pharmacy Exchange on Friday, April 10. The Bowl of Hygeia is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and the American Pharmacists Association with support from Boehringer Ingelheim.

Shmaeff is director of pharmacy services at the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging and pharmacist in charge at Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer Medical Center in Reseda, Cal. He earned his pharmacy degree from the University of New Mexico. He also serves as a residency preceptor at Western University of Health Sciences College of Pharmacy and an adjunct assistant professor of clinical pharmacy at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy.

Schmaeff has been selected as the 2015 California recipient for his outstanding community service, through which he has demonstrated how pharmacists can elevate themselves and their profession in the eyes of the public through participation in community civic programs and government activities at the local and state level.

He is a member of the American Pharmacists Association, California Pharmacists Association, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, California Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and QSAD (USC School of Pharmacy's premier fundraising support group). Past honors include being named Honorary Alumnus of the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy (1998) and receiving recognition by the city and the county of Los Angeles for his commitment and contributions to pharmacy practice in the community and his accomplishments and dedication to the field of pharmacy, respectively (1987). He was also awarded a commendation by the county of Los Angeles for his dedicated service to the Los Angeles community in 1987.

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.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., is a trusted source of research demonstrating how pharmacists can improve health care. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve people's health through

pharmacists' patient care services. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website www.aphafoundation.org. Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

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.