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**Thomaston Pharmacist Robert C. Bowles, Jr. Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Georgia Pharmacy Association has selected Robert C. Bowles, Jr., as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Bowles was presented with the award at the President’s Reception and Banquet on Saturday, June 28. The award 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.

Bowles is a member of NCPA and APhA. He is one of 15 dementia mentors in a worldwide endeavor to help individuals with dementia, especially those with early onset. On June 1, 2014, Dementia Mentors launched a website with international participation. The site provides brain stimulating activities, virtual social meetings twice a month for dementia patients, videos on the site from other dementia patients, and the opportunity for dementia patients to be mentored by another dementia patient. Bowles volunteers with and is a past president of the Flint River Technical College LPN Advisory Board, a past member of the Flint River Technical College Foundation, a past chairman of the Upson County Department Family & Children’s Services, and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce Downtown Thomaston Business Association. He volunteers with the Downtown Development Authority and is a mentor at Upson Lee Middle School Student, a member of Thomaston First Baptist Church since 1955, and an active deacon at First Baptist Church and past Sunday School Director. He has participated in medical mission trips to Honduras and Panama, is a Volunteer with House of Care, and participates with the Georgia Pharmacy Association and EVP Transition Search Committee.

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](mailto:info@aphafoundation.org).

**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](http://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 (NCSPAEE). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).