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Orland Park Pharmacist Susan Cornell Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Illinois Pharmacists Association (IPhA) has selected Susan Cornell, PharmD, CDE, as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Cornell was presented with the award at the IPhA/MPA Joint Annual Meeting on Friday, September 26. 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.

Since 2004, Cornell has been the Faculty Project Advisor for the Midwestern University Collaborative Health Advocate Team (CHAT) program, in which students from the colleges of medicine, health sciences, and pharmacy team teach diabetes self-management education classes (under multidiscipline volunteer faculty supervision) to patients in underserved community clinics. Over the past 10 years, the CHAT program has expanded to service five community clinics in the Chicago metropolitan area. In addition, CHAT classes have been offered in a variety of languages, including English, Spanish, Urdu, Polish, and American Sign. However, the need for the services that CHAT provides extends beyond the Chicago metro area. Currently, Cornell has started working with other schools of pharmacy within the state of Illinois to collaborate on an effort to expand CHAT services to more clinics in neighborhoods of need. This collaboration has been well-received and initial planning is underway. A medication management and safety class has also been added to CHAT services, supporting Medication Therapy Management (MTM) in the underserved populations. Cornell's dedication to the CHAT program truly demonstrates her outstanding record of civic leadership in her community and daily encourages pharmacists and pharmacy students to take active roles in their communities.

Cornell graduated from the University of Illinois with her bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1986 and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Midwestern University in 2002. She has been involved with the Illinois Pharmacists Association in various capacities, serving as president-elect from 2009 to 2010, president from 2010 to 2011, and chair of the board from 2011 to 2012. She also served with the IPhA Foundation as a board member from 2003 to 2009 and president from 2008 to 2009.

Cornell has served with the American Association of Diabetes Educators as chair of the Pharmacy Specialty Practice Group in 2003 to 2004 and as a board member from 2004 to 2007. She has participated in numerous health fairs, association expositions, and health screenings as a volunteer and faculty advisor.

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 is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or 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. Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates.

About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

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