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**Cedar Rapids Pharmacist Craig Clark Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Iowa Pharmacy Association has selected Mr. Craig Clark as the recipient of the 2014 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Clark was presented with the award at the Annual Banquet on Friday, June 13. 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.

Clark and his wife, Pam, purchased their community pharmacy in Cedar Rapids in 1981. Over 30 years later, the pharmacy continues to serve the Cedar Rapids area. It is evident that Clark truly cares for his patients and all of the pharmacy employees know their patients and are invested in their health and overall well-being. Clark is very active in the community, serving many civic and religious organizations, and is an active member of the First Assembly of God, serving as a Sunday school teacher and marriage mentor with his spouse. He has been actively involved in the nonprofit organization Youth for Christ and was recently honored for dedicating 20 years of service to the organization. Clark is a founding member of the Hiawatha Lions Club International and has served as both president and vice-president. He also serves on boards for Discovery Living, REM Iowa, and the Rowley Savings Bank, along with other involvements. He is a true leader in his community and one whom others can depend upon. When talking to patients at the pharmacy, it is evident that the patients trust him, not only because of his pharmaceutical knowledge but also because of his kindness towards others, strong moral code and willingness to serve the community in which he lives.

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