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Jamestown, North Dakota Pharmacist, Laurel A. Haroldson, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The North Dakota Pharmacists Association (NDPhA) has selected Laurel A. Haroldson as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Haroldson was presented with the award during the NDPhA Annual Convention on April 26-28, 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.

Haroldson is on the Board of Directors for the Central Valley Health Unit, the Jamestown's Safe Shelter and The Jamestown Art's Board. She is active in Zonta International, serving as Past-President and as Area Director. She is a participant and fundraiser for the Jamestown Relay for Life event. Haroldson is a member of Trinity Lutheran church and serves on the Outreach Committee and in the church's musical groups.

Haroldson founded the first Cancer Support Group in Jamestown. This group now sponsors more than six programs for cancer survivors a year. She has served on the North Dakota Heart Association Fund Raisers committee. She is a former Girl Scout Leader, former member of the Jamestown High School Band Boosters, Jamestown Hockey Boosters, and a former Room Mother at Jamestown Gussner Elementary School.

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.