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**Georgia Pharmacist Sharon Sherrer Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC –** The Georgia Pharmacy Association (GPhA) has selected Sharon M. Sherrer, PharmD, as the recipient of the 2018 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Sherrer was presented the award at the 2018 Georgia Pharmacy Convention on Friday, June 22, 2018. 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.

Sherrer has contributed to her community since graduating from the Mercer University in 1979. She is the independent community pharmacy owner of Kenmar Clinical Associates in Marietta, GA. Sherrer is a 2007-2008 past GPhA president and continues to engage in a wide range of GPhA activities to include serving on the EVP Search Committee. She currently serves as Council's representative on the Nomination Committee and on the Legislative Policy Committee. She previously co-chaired a joint GPhA/MAG work group on prior authorizations and was involved in drafting and vetting of GPhA's 2015 MAC transparency bill and represented GPhA in conversations with the Commissioner of Insurance and his staff.

Sherrer was a highly respected aid and supporter of her husband John during his recent turn as NCPA President and was named Honorary NCPA President as a result. Her community service includes working closely with local organizations that serve adolescents with behavioral disorders, advocating for EMS services across the state, and active in ministries of the First Methodist Church of Marietta.

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 an active role 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](http://www.aphafoundation.org/). Follow the APhA Foundation on [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/aphafoundation) and [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/aphafoundation) 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 (NCSPAE). For more information, please visit the NASPA website [www.naspa.us](http://www.naspa.us).