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**Nebraska Pharmacist Angela Svoboda Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC –** The Nebraska Pharmacists Association (NPA) has selected Angela K. Svoboda, PharmD, RP, as the recipient of the 2018 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Svoboda was presented the award at the NPA Annual Convention on Friday, June 8, 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.

Svoboda has contributed to her community since graduating from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1989. She is the independent community pharmacy owner of Good Life Pharmacy. Following graduation she completed a one-year clinical pharmacy residency program at the University of Nebraska Hospital and Clinics and became board certified in pharmacotherapy in 1994. She is dedicated to her community and her profession.

The community of Ord has benefited from Svoboda’s passion as a pharmacist and her commitment to the many volunteer opportunities in which she has engaged. As a mom to three busy kids, she has always been the "go to" mom, pitching in to assist and lead in whatever capacity was needed. In a small community, volunteering for parent duties in 4-H, FFA, school activities (sports, music, academics). In her professional career, Svoboda is loved by her patients, and goes the extra mile to help with their healthcare needs as well as collaborate with other health care providers in Ord and in the surrounding communities. Her compounding practice provides her patients extra and unique care. Good Life Pharmacy, under her leadership, has a true healthy living focus. Community service has a different meaning in a small, rural area like Ord, and pharmacists like Svoboda are the pillars and heartbeat of those communities.

Svoboda is a fellow with the International Association of Compounding Pharmacists. She is a member of the Nebraska Pharmacists Association & IACP, and the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy. She served on the NPA Board of Directors, 1998 – 2003; the NPA Legislative Committee, and member of NPA since 1990. She is a supporter of Valley County Community Foundation, active volunteer for Ord High School Sports, and Valley County 4-H and FFA. She volunteers for Ord High School Rodeo team and is the owner of Angie Svoboda Photography.

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).