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**South Carolina Pharmacist Robert Hubbard Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**WASHINGTON, DC –** The South Carolina Pharmacy Association (SCPhA) has selected Robert C. Hubbard, III, as the recipient of the 2018 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Hubbard was presented the award at the Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, June 16, 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.

Hubbard has contributed to his community since graduating from the Clemson University in 1968. He is the independent community pharmacy owner of The Hubbard/Young Pharmacy. Hubbard has an outstanding record of community service and is well known throughout the state for his contributions to pharmacy through volunteerism and involvement in association activities.

Hubbard has been an active member of SCPhA, having served in various roles during his pharmacy career. He is a vested member of SCPhA and was awarded the Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award in 1999. He is a member of NABP and is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Pharmacy.

Hubbard is a member of the Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society, a life member of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy Alumni Association, a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, and a Fellow of the American Society of Consultants Pharmacists. He served two years as Vice Chairman of the Board of Pharmacy and is currently beginning his second term as Chairman of the Board of Pharmacy. He was honored in 2015 with the MUSC College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award.

In his community, Hubbard has served as officer and director of the Rotary Club and was the lead pharmacist on the Rotary Medical Mission Team to Honduras. He has also served as director of the Clemson Chamber of Commerce, District Chairman of the Oconee Boy Scouts, instructor of Philmont Scout Ranch, director of the Foothills YMCA, an organizer and director of Clemson Bank and Trust (now Park Sterling Bank), and past president of the Clemson Fellowship Club and Community Member At-Large for the Clemson University Bio-Safety Committee. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Clemson, having served as Sunday School teacher and Chairman of the Deacons.

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).