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Mesa, Arizona Pharmacist, Kathryn Labbe, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Arizona Pharmacy Association (AzPA) has selected Kathryn Labbe as the recipient of the 2013 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Labbe was presented with the award during the AzPA Annual Convention, June 27-30, 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.

Labbe has provided amazing contributions to her patients, her community and her profession. She is committed to the Susan G Komen 3-Day as a walk leader - arranging training walks and schedules and rallying her team to complete this challenging sixty mile walk. Her efforts were recognized by the organization when she was asked to be a flag bearer at the 3-Day opening ceremonies at the 2012 Washington D.C. walk.

As a parent of a child challenged by epilepsy, Labbe has been a fierce advocate for patients who are struggling with the myriad types of seizures that affect their lives in their communities and especially in their schools. Her involvement with the Epilepsy Foundation once again brought her to Washington D.C. for the National Walk for Epilepsy. She was also motivated to participate in the Triathlon To Help Indoor Triathlon for Epilepsy organized by the Stroup Kids for Kids Epilepsy Foundation.

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.