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American Pharmacists Association Foundation Selects First 25 Communities to Participate in Project IMPACT: Diabetes

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation today announced the selection of the 25 organizations or "Communities" in **Project IMPACT: Diabetes**. The following initial partners and their stakeholders will join the APhA Foundation's national multi-year initiative to improve care for people disproportionately affected by diabetes across the United States:

- Appalachian College of Pharmacy Oakwood, Va.
- Bakersfield & Visalia Communities of the CHC Bakersfield & Visalia, Calif.
- Balls Food Stores of Kansas City Kansas City, Kan.
- Capstone Rural Health Center Parrish, Ala.
- Central Ohio Diabetes Association Columbus, Ohio
- Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc., Pharmacy El Paso, Texas
- County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department Santa Barbara, Calif.
- CrossOver Ministry Clinic, Inc. Richmond, Va.
- Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina Columbia, S.C.
- Fink's Pharmacy Essex, Md.
- Fresno & Madera Communities of the CHC Fresno & Madera, Calif.
- Jefferson County Department of Health (JCDH) Birmingham, Ala.
- Kroger Pharmacy Cincinnati-Dayton Division Cincinnati, Ohio
- Mountain States Health Alliance Johnson City, Tenn.
- Pascua Yaqui Reservation of the El Rio Health Center Tucson, Ariz.
- Price Chopper Pharmacy- Schenectady, N.Y.
- The Daily Planet, Inc. Richmond, Va.
- The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Columbus, Ohio
- Tucson Urban Community of the El Rio Health Center Tucson, Ariz.
- University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy Lexington, Ky.
- Variety Care Oklahoma City, Okla.
- West Virginia Health Right, Inc. Charleston, W.V.
- Wichita Public Schools, USD 259 Wichita, Kan.
- Wingate University- School of Pharmacy Wingate, N.C.
- Zufall Health Center Dover, N.J.

The APhA Foundation's new effort, **Project IMPACT: Diabetes**, IMProving America's Communities Together, will fully integrate pharmacists into the health care team in an effort to address some of the challenges faced by participants living with diabetes. This 3-year initiative, part of the Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) Foundation's <u>Together on Diabetes</u>® initiative, will provide knowledge, tools and implementation resources and will infuse a total of \$625,000 into innovative practice sites across the country. Each selected community has created a unique interdisciplinary model that integrates pharmacists into diabetes care.

In November 2010, the APhA Foundation was selected as one of four initial grantees in the BMS Foundation's Together on Diabetes®: Communities Uniting to Meet America's Diabetes Challenge. The \$100 million initiative is the largest, corporate philanthropic commitment to date to fight diabetes in the United States.

To learn more about **Project IMPACT: Diabetes** and the 25 selected communities, visit the **Project IMPACT: Diabetes** webpage.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., works to design solutions to medication use problems in America. The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the United States. The APhA Foundation's mission is to optimize the role of pharmacists in improving people's health. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website <u>http://www.aphafoundation.org</u>.

About the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes® Initiative

Together on Diabetes® is a new five-year, \$100 million initiative by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation to improve health outcomes of people living with type 2 diabetes in the United States by strengthening patient self-management education, community-based supportive services and broad-based community mobilization. In line with the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's mission to reduce health disparities, this initiative will target adult populations disproportionately affected by type 2 diabetes.