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St. Paul, Minnesota Pharmacist, John V. Hoeschen, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Minnesota Pharmacists Association (MPhA) has selected John V. Hoeschen as the recipient of the 2011 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Hoeschen was presented with the award during the MPhA Annual Meeting and Convention on June 10-12, 2011. The Award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations.

Hoeschen is active with Common Hope, an organization that serves the poor in Guatemala in areas of education, health care, housing and family and community development. He was instrumental in setting up the first pharmacy in Guatemala and developed their first formulary and donates much needed medication to their annual trip to Guatemala. He is an active volunteer with the Jeremiah Program, which helps provides single mothers with access to safe, affordable housing and quality childcare enabling them to complete post-secondary education and launch successful careers. Hoeschen works with the Harriet Bishop Elementary School, which provides special services for children with disabilities. He also regularly volunteers with the Habitat for Humanity.

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., works to design solutions to medication use problems in America. The APhA Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of consumer health outcomes affected by pharmacy. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website <http://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.

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