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Raleigh, North Carolina Pharmacist, John M. Johnson, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP) has selected John M. Johnson as the recipient of the 2011 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Johnson was presented with the award during the NCAP Annual Convention, October 23-25, 2011. The Award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations.

Johnson supports centers for the homeless and battered women, an intern program for Wake County Public School students and mentors aspiring pharmacy students. He was awarded the Triangle Journal's Legacy Leader Award, which honors leaders who helped build a foundation of growth for their community through extraordinary contributions that have left a legacy for others to follow. Johnson is a Resolution Award recipient from the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy and a member of the Fifty Plus Club of North Carolina Association of Pharmacists for years of licensure.

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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