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**West Salem, Wisconsin Pharmacist, John Johnson, Honored for Outstanding Community Service**

**Washington, DC** – The Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (PSW) has selected John Johnson as the recipient of the 2011 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Johnson was presented with the award during the PSW Annual Meeting August 25-27, 2011. The Award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations.

Johnson is a 1975 graduate of the University of Wisconsin School Of Pharmacy. Johnson has practiced in La Crosse since graduation, first as a staff pharmacist at St. Francis Hospital, then as pharmacy manager of the Skemp Clinic Pharmacy, and presently as the Director of Pharmacy for the Franciscan Skemp Healthcare System. He currently is responsible for overseeing the System's inpatient, outpatient, home infusion and nursing home pharmacy services.

Johnson is a past PSW board member and president. He has remained active within PSW as a committee member in the Business Support Program, Membership Committee and is the PSW representative on the Wisconsin Bioterrorism Advisory Board. He is an ardent supporter of PSW, including providing leadership and funding toward the PSW Welcome Reception at the PSW Annual Meeting. Johnson is a preceptor for the UW School of Pharmacy, a frequent volunteer at the St. Clare Health Mission Pharmacy and a lifetime member of the UW Pharmacy Alumni Association.

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](mailto: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](http://www.naspa.us).

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