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Sharon M. Sherrer Awarded 2019 National Preceptor of the Year Award by NCPA Foundation

SAN DIEGO (Oct. 27, 2019) — Sharon M. Sherrer, PharmD was honored as the recipient of the 2019 National Preceptor of the Year Award by the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation during the NCPA 2019 Annual Convention in San Diego.

With forty years of experience as a practicing pharmacist, Sherrer has extensive experience in many aspects of the profession. She has worked in both chain and community pharmacy, clinical and consulting, as well as hospital and research. Most recently, she implemented a PGY1 Community Pharmacy residency program at her independent pharmacy. Over the past twenty years, Sherrer has had ownership in four pharmacies and is currently a partner in Poole's Pharmacy in Marietta, Ga. with her husband John and son Thomas.

Sherrer is a 1979 graduate of the University of Georgia's School of Pharmacy and a 1984 graduate of Mercer University's Southern School of Pharmacy where she received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Sherrer has served as a preceptor for student pharmacists since 1985. Throughout her career she has consistently served in pharmacy initiatives and organizations locally, statewide, and on the national level. She served as president of the Georgia Pharmacy Association from 2007-2008 and in 2014 was named honorary president of NCPA. She was honored with the Albert E. Rosica, Jr. Award by the Research and Education Foundation of the American College of Apothecaries in 2015 for outstanding contributions to pharmacy education. In 2018, Sherrer was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia, which recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities.

Pharmacy has been a family affair in the Sherrer family. Sherrer says that one of her greatest achievements is finding a work life balance. She is married to a pharmacist, is the mother of a

pharmacist, and is the mother-in-law of a pharmacist. Her daughter is also involved in the family business managing First Aid of America, a division of Poole's Pharmacy. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

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The NCPA Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1953 to honor the previous incarnation of NCPA, the National Association of Retail Druggists (NARD) Executive Secretary John W. Dargavel. Contributions to the foundation are tax-deductible as charitable donations to the extent permitted under federal tax law. The NCPA Foundation supports the growth of independent community pharmacy through scholarships to pharmacy students, critical research/programs to improve the success of independent pharmacy and patient care, community service programs, and financial aid to community pharmacy owners for their recovery in the event of disaster or other adverse circumstances. For more information, go to www.ncpafoundation.org.

Founded in 1898, the National Community Pharmacists Association **is the voice for the community pharmacist**, representing 22,000 pharmacies that employ 250,000 individuals nationwide. Community pharmacies are **rooted in the communities where they are located** and are among **America's most accessible health care providers**. To learn more, visit <u>www.ncpanet.org.</u>