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Beverly Schaefer Named Recipient of Inaugural Sharlea Leatherwood Memorial Trailblazer Award

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Oct. 18, 2020) – Beverly Schaefer, co-owner of Katterman’s Sand Point Pharmacy in Seattle, has received the Sharlea Leatherwood Memorial Trailblazer Award from the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation as part of NCPA’s Annual Convention, which was held virtually.

The Trailblazer Award recognizes an outstanding pharmacy owner whose pharmacy practice blazes a trail for other independent pharmacy owners and future generations of independent pharmacy owners. The award is in recognition of Sharlea Leatherwood, former NCPA and NCPA Foundation President.

Schaefer is a graduate of the University of Washington College of Pharmacy and is also a clinical professor with the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. In 2000 she was named Distinguished Alumnus and in 2020 was awarded a University of Washington School of Pharmacy Alumni Legend Award. In 2007, she was named NCPA Willard B. Simmons Community Pharmacist of the year.

Katterman’s Sand Point Pharmacy is an urban neighborhood pharmacy and offers many patient care services, including immunizations of all kinds to all ages. Schaefer is a clinical community pharmacist with prescriptive authority for 30 legend drugs, including most drugs prescribed for use while traveling. In 2015, Cardinal Health chose Katterman’s as their Retail Advantage award winner for the wide array of innovative travel services and goods offered in the pharmacy.

Schaefer is a 40-year member of NCPA. She has served on many NCPA Steering Committees, provided numerous hours of continuing education to NCPA Annual Convention attendees, and mentored pharmacy students participating in the annual Good Neighbor Pharmacy NCPA Pruitt-Schutte Student Business Plan Competition.

With Schaefer’s leadership, Katterman’s Sand Point Pharmacy is continuing to blaze trails. It is providing appointment-based patient care services, educating customers about smart choices for long-term health, and helping people embrace a healthier lifestyle. Schaefer and her team are a valued source of education, advice and products, and are an essential health safety net in their community.

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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 over **21,000 pharmacies** that **employ approximately 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 www.ncpa.org.*