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Clint Hopkins Receives NCPA Foundation's NARD Ownership Award

ORLANDO, Fla. (Oct. 15, 2023) – Sacramento pharmacy owner Clint Hopkins has received this year's NARD Ownership Award from the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation as part of NCPA's Annual Convention, which was held Oct. 14-17 in Orlando.

The NARD Ownership Award recognizes an independent community pharmacist who embraces entrepreneurial spirit through promotion and demonstrated excellence in the field of community pharmacy ownership. NARD, or the National Association of Retail Druggists, was for a century the name associated with independent pharmacy. The organization was founded in 1898, and now as NCPA, represents the nation's community pharmacists.

Hopkins graduated from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center at Memphis with his Doctor of Pharmacy in 2007. Before becoming a pharmacy owner, he worked across the pharmacy industry, serving as a pharmacy manager for several chain stores, a hospital staff pharmacist, an operating room pharmacist, an informatics pharmacist, a pharmacogenomics consultant and an electronic health records consultant. After years of being on the road consulting, Hopkins found that his true passion was in providing compassionate, culturally aware, community-based pharmacy care. He found independent pharmacy to be the best place to make a difference in the profession.

He and his husband Joel Hockman relocated to Sacramento in 2016 to purchase Pucci's Pharmacy from Tom and Linda Nelson, who had already set the stage for providing quality care to the local LGBTQ+ community. Hopkins and Hockman opened Pucci's LTC Pharmacy earlier this year and, in April 2023, acquired Eddie's Pharmacy in Los Angeles along with their business partners. They pride themselves on expanding health care access to those who are underserved. Hopkins advocates for pharmacists across California and the nation to be practicing at the top of their license and to be recognized by payers for their contributions to the health and wellbeing of their communities.

Hopkins is currently serving on the Community Pharmacy Advisory Group Steering Committee for the California Pharmacists Association and is also serving on the Good Neighbor Pharmacy Advisory Board for AmerisourceBergen. He was also recognized with the 2023 California Pharmacists Association's Pharmacist of the Year Award.

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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 improves community-based health care access by supporting efforts that promote the sustainability and

growth of independent community pharmacists, the most accessible health care provider, through scholarships, grants, and ownership development. For more information, go to www.ncpafoundation.org.