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**The Pharmacy Foundation of California Honors Two Individuals with
the Jane Boggess Advancement of Pharmacy Practice Award**

(**Sacramento, CA**) – The Pharmacy Foundation of California (PFC) honored Helene Levens Lipton, PhD and Marilyn R. Stebbins, PharmD with the Jane Boggess Advancement of Pharmacy Practice Award for their outstanding work as co-investigators with the Partners in D Program. They received the award during Outlook 2010 in Long Beach, the premier California pharmacy convention hosted annually by the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) and the PFC.

“Dr. Helene Levens Lipton and Dr. Marilyn Stebbins have contributed greatly to the profession of pharmacy, particularly as it relates to the Medicare Part D program,” said Michael Negrete, CEO of the Pharmacy Foundation of California. “They developed a new model of non-traditional pharmacy care to meet the Medicare Part D needs of the underserved. This program has resulted in patients and providers receiving Part D education that has ultimately led to improved medication use.”

The innovative model they developed was the start of “Partners in D”, a statewide Medicare Part D outreach initiative that draws on student pharmacists and faculty members from seven California schools of pharmacy to provide seniors with expert Medicare Part D counseling.

Levens Lipton and Stebbins were nominated by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, JD, MPH, founding director of Medicine for People in Need (Medpin), who said, “This duo has masterfully engaged pharmacy faculty members statewide while empowering a new generation of student pharmacists as leaders and teachers to their health professional peers who will be dispensing, prescribing, and/or managing medications for older patients.”

The Jane Boggess Award recognizes an individual(s) or organization that has significantly contributed to the broad adoption of one or more non-traditional pharmacy services that improve public health. This award was established in 2003 but the name was changed in 2004 to honor the memory of the award’s first recipient, Jane Boggess, who championed the effort to enable pharmacy access to emergency contraception, and unexpectedly passed away before receiving the award.

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