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### **Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy Announces 2010 Pillar of Pharmacy Award**

Toronto – The Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy (CFP) is delighted to announce Mr. Bev Allen as its 2010 **Pillar of Pharmacy Award** recipient. Bev joins other distinguished award winners for his life-long commitment and contribution to the profession of pharmacy in Canada.

Since graduating from the College of Pharmacy, University of Saskatchewan in 1973, Bev has been involved in almost every aspect of pharmacy practice. Initially gaining experience in the backbone of pharmacy, Bev owned and operated a community pharmacy for the first 15 years of his career. During this period he also began his now continuous involvement with pharmacy students by participating in the preceptor program, and his desire to serve pharmacy through the profession’s decision-making bodies.

Officially, Bev holds the position of Assistant Professor of Pharmacy and Coordinator of the Structured Practice Experiences Program (SPEP) at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan (since 1994 and 2000 respectively). Along with dedicated ‘real-world’ teaching, he has been intricately involved in the zero-based development of true experiential training programs for pharmacy students. Along with his colleagues, his expertise and first-hand experiences have resulted in several presentations, position papers and consultations in this crucial area.

Equally indicative of the high regard with which Bev is held are his elected pharmacy positions and awards. Too numerous to mention all, one example of his desire to serve pharmacy at decision-making levels is his service to the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists (SCP) as a long-standing Council Member and two terms as President, all the while sitting on, or chairing, influential committees. Bev has held similar and wide-ranging positions (including Presidencies) with CPhA, PEBC and CFP serving on the latter’s Board of Directors from 1999 to 2006. Bev currently sits as an elected member for the AFPC Council. In 1998, Bev was named Saskatchewan’s Pharmacist of the Year, and in 2003 received CPhA’s Meritorious Service Award. Other awards include an honorary lifetime membership with the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI) and his selection in 2007 as one of 100 pharmacists from across Canada to be recognized with CPhA’s Centennial Pharmacist Award.

“Bev is unquestionably an exemplary leader in our profession,” says long-time friend, colleague and mentor,” Ray Joubert, Registrar of SCP. “Specifically, I refer to him as the consummate ‘Servant Leader,’ in that he has this terrific ability to get things done by inherently knowing when to lead from the front, and when to push from behind. He is an invaluable member of our profession at *all* levels—and those of us in positions where the ‘answer’ is not always cut-and-dried know we can rely on Bev’s practical ‘in-the-field’ wisdom. Sometimes I simply ask myself ‘what would Bev think or do in this situation?’ and find myself going down the right path. We are *very* excited Bev has been awarded this recognition by the Foundation.”

“All my life’s work has centered around a chance to give something back,” summarizes Bev about his accomplishments to date. “I am so proud to be associated with the CFP, and both pleased and honoured to be recognized by my peers through their award. To be in the company of those acknowledged for their service and achievements is indeed humbling.”

Bev’s numerous contributions to and leadership in pharmacy will be formally recognized at an upcoming gala dinner and evening of entertainment – an opportunity for all pharmacists to honour Bev, truly a Canadian Pillar of Pharmacy.

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