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### VIRGINIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION Honors Award Winners

The Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA), the statewide professional association representing the pharmacists of Virginia, presented the following awards during the Awards Banquet at their 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention – Wyndham Hotel – Virginia Beach, VA – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Sheila Hoffman** of Gordonsville, VA - received the VPhA Technician Award which recognizes a pharmacy technician for their contribution to the advancement of the practice of pharmacy in Virginia.

Mrs. Hoffman has worked at Orange County Pharmacy since it opened 9 years ago, where she was an integral part of their set-up, instillation, staffing, and policy implementation. Since then, she has been an invaluable asset to her pharmacy in re-inventing workflow, training and supporting her staff, and staying actively involved in the business side by maintaining financial records for two stores and assisting in management functions. Mrs. Hoffman is not only a certified technician, but also a certified fitter for Diabetic Shoes. She uses her knowledge and skills to plan numerous health fairs and community events. Her community outreach has included a vaccination program for the local school system, helping to promote march of dimes, and community Easter Egg Hunt. In addition, she is very active within the Virginia Pharmacists Association and contributes ideas on increasing membership and offering continuing education for pharmacy technicians. The Virginia Pharmacists Association is also proud to have Mrs. Hoffman as the Chair of the Academy of Technicians in the upcoming year.

*The Virginia Pharmacists Association, founded in 1881, is the professional association representing the pharmacists of Virginia. The purpose of the Association is to assure the viability and vitality of the profession of pharmacy by maximizing its contribution to patient care, promoting the competency of its practitioners, and increasing an awareness of these contributions and capabilities and their value.*