

## The National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation

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## DR. MARK RILEY JOINS NCPA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**ALEXANDRIA, Va. – June 2, 2016** Dr. Mark Riley, former executive director of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association and former president of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), has recently been elected to the NCPA Foundation board of trustees.

"Since the 1970s, Mark has provided invaluable support to pharmacy students and early career professionals through mentoring and has volunteered his time and efforts to further the issues that protect the interest of independent pharmacy owners and their patients," said Charles M. West, PD, president of the NCPA Foundation board of trustees. "Mark's commitment to the profession, experience as a pharmacist and pharmacy owner, and devotion to community service will be instrumental to the NCPA Foundation as its board and staff consider ways to enhance our current programs and pursue funding partnerships to develop new initiatives that advance the philanthropic mission of this foundation."

Riley's accomplishments include a term as NCPA president in 2013-14, being recognized as an expert on pharmacy benefit managers, offering his expertise as preceptor and guest lecturer at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy, and receiving the "Pharmacist of the Year" award in 1988 from the Arkansas Pharmacists Association. Additionally, there is an endowed scholarship at UAMS, established by donations from friends and alumni, to honor Riley's service to the pharmacy profession at the national level and in Arkansas. Riley has also owned East End Pharmacy in Little Rock since 1983 and was a member of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy from 1999-2003.

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National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation: 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. The NCPA Foundation supports the growth of independent community pharmacy through scholarships to NCPA student members, programs to improve the success of independent pharmacy and that enhance patient care, community service programs, and financial aid and resources to community pharmacy owners for their recovery in the event of disaster or other adverse circumstances. For more information, visit <a href="www.ncpafoundation.org">www.ncpafoundation.org</a>. Contributions to the foundation are tax-deductible as charitable donations to the extent permitted under federal tax law.

**National Community Pharmacists Association**: NCPA represents the interests of America's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 22,000 independent community pharmacies. Together they represent an \$81.4 billion health care marketplace and employ more than 314,000 individuals on a full or part-time basis. To learn more, go to <a href="https://www.ncpanet.org">www.ncpanet.org</a>.