

APhA Foundation Pinnacle Award Acceptance Speech
Anne Marie Kondic, PharmD
APhA Headquarters, Washington DC
September 18, 2017



On behalf of the Community Pharmacy Foundation (CPF), I would like to thank the APhA Foundation for this prestigious award. It has been several years that CPF has partnered with both the Foundation and the Association to advance the practice of community pharmacy.

I'd like to begin with a bit of the past to ground you in our roots before we share our growth and accomplishments towards receipt of this award.

CPF was established in 2000 as the result of a pre-trial class-action discriminatory pricing lawsuit settlement filed by the Pharmacy Freedom Fund against brand name prescription drug manufacturers. Approximately 18.5 million dollars was awarded. There were 5 original board members which has grown to 7. I'd like to recognize our current Board Members in attendance tonight, Phil Burgess, Linda Garrelts MacLean and Randy Myers.

The CPF Board met for the first 2 years to organize; develop the mission/vision; and, search and hire the 1st executive director, my father, Lou Sesti in 2002. With his wealth of association management experience and personal relationships within the profession, he hit the ground running and his contributions cannot be understated.

As the Foundation grew, I began assisting in 2004 as the Grants Administrator to monitor grants and implement website enhancements to permit sharing of grant materials. In 2015, I transitioned to the role of the Executive Director.

That brings us to today where we have awarded 171 grants and projects totaling over 8.3 million dollars since inception. On average, over 100 new applications are submitted annually and approximately 15 proposals are accepted as new grant awards.

Our collaborators are numerous and include many of you here tonight.

Looking towards the future, CPF will continue to fund innovative community pharmacy practice ideas in the form of grants that are replicable in other practices; transferable to share knowledge and resources; and, ultimately financially sustainable in future implementation.

We are extremely honored to have been selected as the Category III recipient and graciously accept the award tonight to honor of all pharmacists, pharmacies and patients that have benefited from our grant funding.

Thank You.