**PHARMACISTS MUTUAL COMPANIES**

**2019 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG PHARMACIST AWARD**

The Distinguished Young Pharmacist award was created in 1987 to encourage newer pharmacists to become involved in association activities and community service. This award recognizes one pharmacist in each state for individual excellence and outstanding contributions.

The prestigious award is presented by Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company, nationally recognized as a leader in providing insurance products and risk management solutions to Pharmacy professionals.

The 2019 New Mexico Pharmacists Association recipient was selected by a committee of his/her peers as this pharmacist exemplifies and exceeds the criteria required.

**Achievements of this year’s recipient include:**

1. Provides a large number of toys to the Hobbs fire department each year for the past 8 years.
2. Helps raise funds for supplies for the Veritas Christian Academy.
3. Helps fill Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes for Manna Outreach.
4. Provides food and funding to Weekend Hunger Initiative (food for kids over weekends and summer).
5. Supports the Legacy Pregnancy Center.
6. Provides supplies which go to the Casa Kids events.
7. Donates supplies to the Lea County Animal Shelter. Bart and his wife plan to be licensed volunteers in the future.
8. Bart started out in pharmacy while in high school, working for Don and Ken Robinson at Norte Vista Pharmacy in Hobbs
9. He began his pharmacy career as a clerk, then moved up to technician.
10. He changed his college major from business to pharmacy after finding out how much he enjoyed pharmacy.
11. After graduation from pharmacy school in 2009, he started working for Don and Ken as a Pharmacist.
12. Currently, he is the pharmacist in charge at Michael's Presciption Corner in Hobbs, New Mexico. The startup pharmacy was opened in 2014 where he has been the active PIC since day one. He manages a crew of 8 and oversees all store and patient needs.

In conclusion, the New Mexico Pharmacists Association recipient embodies all the qualities one looks for when evaluating individuals for this award. I am very pleased to make this presentation. Please share my pleasure in presenting Pharmacists Mutual’s Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award to:

**Bart Gatewood, Pharm.D.**