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PENNY SHELTON RECEIVES ASCP LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION AWARD

(Las Vegas, Nevada – April 24, 2006) Penny S. Shelton, PharmD, CGP, FASCP, was presented the ASCP Leadership in Education Award today by ASCP President Robert J. Miller, RPh, FASCP, at Geriatrics '06 – ASCP's 28th Midyear Conference and Exhibition in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Shelton is Program Director and Senior Care Pharmacist for the Medical Education and Safety (MEDS) Program with Resources for Seniors, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina. She also is an Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Campbell University School of Pharmacy, Buies Creek, North Carolina.

The ASCP Leadership in Education Award was established to honor the unique and innovative educational endeavors of ASCP members and to recognize specific accomplishments and achievements in the area of education.

Shelton was selected for her development and direction of the MEDS Program that provides needy seniors with medication management services at no cost as well as access to medication through drug assistance programs. Since the implementation of Medicare Part D, she also has been providing guidance and education to clients about the Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs).

The MEDS program is committed to helping ensure older adults remain independent by promoting safe and effective use of medications. Through face-to-face and online medication consultation, the MEDS program identifies factors that place seniors at risk for medication-related problems, including side effects, drug interactions, and nonadherence; and provides seniors with education to improve adherence.

“Penny Shelton’s dedication and love of seniors has opened new doors for pharmacists that just a few years ago did not exist,” said President Miller. “And by offering geriatric pharmacy rotations with the MEDS program, she is providing students with opportunities not normally seen in pharmacy education.”

Shelton is widely published and educates fellow pharmacists through numerous presentations at ASCP national meetings and local pharmacy associations.

As MEDS is a unique senior care practice, her contributions to ASCP's resource manual - *Developing a Senior Care Pharmacy Practice: Your Guide and Tools for Success* – offer an invaluable resource for pharmacists wanting to provide services to the community dwelling elderly who so often go underserved.

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