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**Mr. Yuk honors Bartell Drugs**

*Bartell Drugs was awarded the William O. Robertson Award on October 15, 2008*

The Washington Poison Center (WAPC) Board of Directors named Bartell Drugs as the recipient of this year's *William O. Robertson, MD Award* in Seattle on October 15, 2008. The award was named after the founder and former medical director of the Washington Poison Center and is presented annually to a member of the community who has made a significant contribution to poison prevention.

Bartell Drugs has been a consistent place where families can get Mr. Yuk stickers with the Poison Center phone number. For the past four years (2005-2008) Bartell Drugs has contributed \$5,000 annually to sponsor Mr. Yuk stickers. Every year in March, Bartell Drugs actively conducts National Poison Prevention Week activities in support of the WAPC and poison prevention in general. They have run TV and radio PSAs, placed ads in their sale flyers, put up displays in their stores and handed out poison prevention educational materials.

"We've been supporting this program for as long as I can remember," said George D. Bartell, Chairman and CEO of Bartell Drugs. "We did (all) this because it is important to our customers and the community."

Bartell along with sister, Jean Bartell Barber, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, accepted the *William O. Robertson, MD Award*. Barber is also to be named one of the top 15 "Women of Influence" for 2008 by the Puget Sound Business Journal at a ceremony on November 20, 2008.

The Washington Poison Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, prevents harm from poisoning through expertise, collaboration and professional and public education. Reachable 24/7, the national poison hotline, 1-800-222-1222, will connect you to specially-trained pharmacists, nurses and poison specialists. Poison help is always free and confidential. Services are available for people with hearing problems and for non-English speakers.

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