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Group names Walberg Family Pharmacies' Jamestown location as 'Pharmacy of the Year'

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Jamestown Pharmacy is honored on the big screen recently at the McKesson U.S. Pharmaceuticals Idea Share Conference in Orlando as the Pharmacy of the Year in the northeast region.

JAMESTOWN — A Jamestown pharmacy has recently been named Pharmacy of the Year in its region by one of the country's largest health care services companies.

"We look at it as a wonderful reflection of the group of people we work with," said Bretton Walberg, owner of Walberg Family Pharmacies and its Jamestown Pharmacy, which received the distinction.

McKesson U.S. Pharmaceuticals picks winners in three regions based on a pharmacy's contribution to its community, leadership in quality patient care, innovative marketing and adoption of technology.

The Walbergs credited their Care-Fill Packaging system for their recognition.



ORLANDO, Fla. — Jamestown Pharmacy owners Bretton and Stacey Walberg stand near a display recognizing their Care-Fill custom medication packaging service as an innovative new service, recently at the McKesson U.S. Pharmaceuticals Idea Share Conference in Orlando, where the pharmacy was named Pharmacy of the Year in the northeast region.

Through the Care-Fill system, Walberg Pharmacies organize a patient's medications into individual packs, one for each day or for several times a day, depending on the prescriptions.

The system ensures a patient is taking all the medications they're supposed to, not accidentally taking too many of the same medication and taking them at the right time of day.

"It's nice to see what we're doing in little Jamestown and little Greenville is helping to cut the groove for pharmacies in the near future," Walberg said.

The Walbergs started the free service in August 2012, currently have about 700 enrolled and are on track to pass 1,000 by the end of the year.

The next step is something Walberg calls a medication synchronization program, which would allow patients with several medications to pick them all up from the pharmacy at one time during the month instead of making several trips throughout the month.

"We'll work with the insurance companies to get this together," he said.

Walberg has also been named a 2014 finalist for the Next-Generation Pharmacist awards.