

Sports Medicine Offers Annual Run/Walk at New Location

The annual McLeod Sports Medicine Scholarship Run will be held Saturday, March 17, 2018 at McLeod Sports Medicine, located at 2439 Willwood Drive in Florence (behind the McLeod Health & Fitness Center). The races begin at 9:00 a.m. and include a 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run, and 1-Mile Fun Run. Race-day registration will be available from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Scholarship recognition and awards will be held at 10:30 a.m.

In recognition of St. Patrick's Day, runners are encouraged to wear green or dress in costume. Following the race, there will be food, music, and activities for the entire family.

The cost to participate is \$25 if pre-registering and \$20 for McLeod Employees, Military Personnel, Track, Cross Country and Florence Track Club Members. Registration cost on the day of the event is \$30. The cost of the 5K and 10K includes a Run/Walk T-shirt.

The Fun Run cost is \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family.



During the early 1990's, McLeod Sports Medicine established the McLeod Sports Medicine Heart Challenge, a Florence area, community-based, and USATF certified 5K and 10K run/walk for improving participants' health. The Heart Challenge was also established to raise money for the McLeod Athletic Excellence Award. The award was soon renamed the Geoffrey Kier Memorial Athletic Excellence Scholarship to honor the memory of former McLeod Sports Medicine employee, Geoffrey Kier, who died of meningitis in 1998.

Today, this race continues the tradition of raising money for deserving student-athletes in the community. Geoffrey's mother, Sally, continues to participate in the race each year and also donates to the scholarship fund in honor of her son.



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McLeod Children's Hospital Hosts Monthly Asthma Education Classes

McLeod Children's Hospital is now offering family asthma education classes on the first Thursday of each month. Classes are free and open to children ages five to 11. During the class, children, along with their parents, will learn how to manage their asthma through fun, interactive activities.

Upcoming dates are: April 5, May 3, June 7 and July 5.

Classes are held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the McLeod Family Medicine Center (144 North Ravenel Street) in Florence. A parent or guardian must attend. Food will be provided, and space is limited.

To register, call McLeod Reservations & Scheduling at (843) 777-2095.



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McLeod Health Board of Trustees Announces New Members



Patrick K. Denton, MD



Ashley Brady

The McLeod Health Board of Trustees continues its commitment to providing outstanding leadership, stewardship and oversight of fiscal health. Effective March 1, 2018, as the new Board terms began, two new members have been appointed to the McLeod Health Board of Trustees: Dr. Patrick K. Denton and Mr. Ashley Brady.

The McLeod Health Board is a self-perpetuating, 23-member governing board that includes eight physicians, including five emeritus members.

“We are extremely appreciative of the dedication and very hard work of these volunteer board members who embrace the mission of McLeod Health in service to the community and providing the delivery of excellence in healthcare,” stated Rob Colones, President of McLeod Health.

Representing Florence County, Dr. Patrick K. Denton is a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and arthroscopic treatment of knee

and shoulder disorders. He cares for patients at Pee Dee Orthopaedic Associates. Dr. Denton is recognized by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery as a Certified Sports Medicine Specialist. In addition, he is a Certified Sportsmetrics Specialist in the prevention of ACL tears in the female athlete. Dr. Denton currently serves as the orthopedic team provider for Francis Marion University and Florence School District One. He also serves as a physician leader on hospital committees at McLeod Regional Medical Center and as a previous member of the McLeod Health Community Board. Dr. Denton has been in Florence with his wife, Leslie and son, Parker since 2001.

Representing Marion County, Ashley Brady, Vice President and Principal Agent with First Charter Company, is a life-long resident of the City of Marion and grew up in the family-owned agency. In 2017, Brady was elected Mayor of Marion. He is a 1989 graduate of Francis Marion University and was licensed in Property & Casualty the same year. He joined the SC Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers Board in 2002 and served as Chairman during the 2012-2013 term. He earned his Certified Insurance Counselors (CIC) designation in 2002. Brady’s community involvement includes serving as President of Marion Rotary Club, past President (twice) of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, Historic Marion Revitalization Association, and Pee Dee Academy Board of Directors. He is a Scout Master with Boy Scouts Troop #708 and has hiked Philmont Scout Ranch on three occasions with Scouts from Marion. Brady and his wife Rebecca have three daughters.

Reich Named Senior Vice President of Information Technology for McLeod Health

Matthew “Matt” E. Reich has been named the new Senior Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer for McLeod Health.

In this role, Reich will plan, develop, implement and direct McLeod Health Corporate Information Technology activities to meet the strategic and tactical planning needs of the overall organization. He will also serve as an advisor to Administration and Department Heads on the selection, negotiation, and implementation of information technology, both for the acute hospitals and the McLeod Physician Associates Practices, working to globally support the organization on the latest technology and industry initiatives.

“It is an honor to be selected for this position of service to McLeod Health and I am deeply committed to our culture of quality and compassionate care. As we navigate together through the complexities of health care in the future, I pledge to hold to our extraordinary mission and values daily,” stated Reich.

Reich has a bachelor’s degree in Management of Information Systems from Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina. He also holds numerous technical certifications, and is currently completing his Master’s in Health Administration at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.



Matt Reich

McLeod Nurse Receives DAISY Nursing Award

Registered Nurse Louise Gibbs was named the February DAISY Award Recipient for McLeod Regional Medical Center on February 27, 2018. Gibbs, a staff nurse in the Coronary Care Unit, was nominated by a family member of a patient she cared for January of 2018.

To recognize those Nurses at McLeod Regional Medical Center who are true examples of Nursing Excellence, patients, family members and co-workers may nominate nurses for the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation’s program to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

In the nomination form, the family wrote, “We would like Louise recognized for the excellent work that she does. She takes her job very seriously and is the best nurse. She treats her patients like family. Louise even came into our room singing my Dad’s favorite music to make him feel better.”

“I am honored to be recognized with this award,” said Gibbs. “Each morning when I come to McLeod, I pray for the Lord to put those who need me in my care. I feel blessed to be here every day to help my patients.”



McLeod Nurse Louise Gibbs, recipient of the February DAISY Nursing Award, is pictured with McLeod Nursing Director Curt Keefe.

Montgomery Named Administrator of McLeod Health Loris



Scott Montgomery

McLeod Health is pleased to announce that Scott Montgomery has been named the new Administrator of McLeod Loris.

With the growth of Horry County, and strategic opportunities identified at McLeod Health Loris, the need for a full time leader to focus on this work was determined. As Administrator of McLeod Health Loris, Montgomery will implement management

action plans and will be responsible for the establishment, maintenance, and enhancement of quality health services in accordance with the philosophy and mission of McLeod Health. Montgomery has exhibited outstanding leadership and a servant's heart in his previous positions, living the values of McLeod Health.

"Scott has a record of success leading growth and development in a regional multi-hospital health care system, working on efforts to increase revenue, surpass customer needs, cost containment, and developing vision and strategy," stated McLeod Health President, Rob Colones. "He is an excellent communicator and has developed strong relationships with physicians, colleagues, staff and patients."

A member of the McLeod team since 2008, Montgomery has served the organization in McLeod Health Loris and McLeod Health Seacoast as Director of Rehabilitation, Associate Vice President, Rehabilitation Services/Orthopedic Services

(Therapy, Fitness, Diabetes Management, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation).

He received his Bachelor's Degree at Western Kentucky University in Communication Disorders and Master's Degree at Western Kentucky University in Speech-Language Pathology. Previous work assignments include serving at Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) as Administrator from 2002 to 2008 and Director in various settings including acute care, outpatient, skilled nursing facility and home health from 1996 to 2016. Montgomery also has previous teaching experience related to his clinical disciplines.

A Merit Award recipient for McLeod Loris Seacoast in 2016, Montgomery is a member of the American Healthcare College of Executives; American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and is an active Fundraiser for the American Heart Association, United Way, March of Dimes, and McLeod Health.

"It is an honor and a privilege to transition into this role. I am most appreciative for the opportunity and committed to the people and mission of McLeod Health. This role further underscores our dedication to the provision of quality healthcare in our region and investment in the community of Loris. My goal is to perpetuate the trust and confidence placed in our hospital and professionals," stated Montgomery.

Montgomery is married to Mellissa, a Respiratory Therapist at McLeod Loris Seacoast; and they have twin sons, Conner and Collin, 16, and a daughter, Kenley, 8.

McLeod Health Clarendon Hosts Community CPR Class



McLeod Health Clarendon held a community cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class Wednesday, February 21.

Those in attendance learned how to provide CPR to an adult, child or infant and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) for adults and children older than one year.

At left: Sherry Stewart, McLeod Health Clarendon Nurse Educator, demonstrates CPR during the community class.

McLeod Health Team Tours Local Industries

Representatives from McLeod Occupational Health and McLeod Orthopaedics Cheraw recently toured Highland Takata Industries and Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. to learn more about their work flow and operations to ensure optimal safety and to minimize the risk of job injuries among their employee population.



Pictured from left to right: Chad Yaken, McLeod Occupational Health Coordinator; Keith Farrell, McLeod Occupational Health Director; Jamie Atkinson, RN; Highland Takata Industries Employee Health Nurse; Thomas DiStefano, MD, McLeod Orthopedic Surgeon; Jay Stewart, Highland Takata Industries Employee Health and Safety Manager and Miranda Gainey, FNP, McLeod Occupational Health Cheraw Nurse Practitioner.



Pictured from left to right: Miranda Gainey, FNP, McLeod Occupational Health Cheraw Nurse Practitioner; Thomas DiStefano, MD, McLeod Orthopedic Surgeon; Chad Yaken, McLeod Occupational Health Coordinator and Ricardo Rivers, Human Resources Generalist, Stanley, Black & Decker, Inc. in Cheraw.

McLeod Dillon Volunteer Auxiliary “Grow with Books” Literacy Project

In partnership with the Dillon County Library, the McLeod Dillon Volunteer Auxiliary’s “Grow with Books” Literacy Project stimulates an interest in reading at an early age. The volunteers make packets with child appropriate books, bookmarks, library cards, and “Reading is Fun” literature to give to each newborn delivered at McLeod Dillon. A letter stressing the value of using the library as a resource is also included.

“We accepted this as a fundamental project realizing that reading and promoting literacy begins at birth,” said Jan Austin, Project Chairman. Approximately 300 babies are born each year at McLeod Dillon.

“Our goal is to impress upon parents that you can share reading with your baby right away. Infants respond to your voice and



McLeod Dillon Volunteer Auxiliary members devote time to make additional “Grow with Books” packets for the upcoming months.

the rhythm of your words. A love of books is one of the greatest gifts you can give to a child. Reading to babies and young children helps them develop an early interest in learning to read and they generally learn to read more quickly than other children,” said Austin. “It is rewarding to see the mother’s faces light up when you bring them the packet,” she added.

Merit Awards

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Kerry Anderson
Service Excellence
February 2018

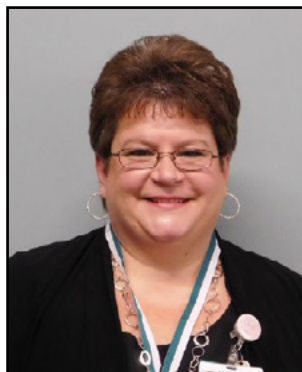


Lynn Genwright
Registration Admitting
February 2018

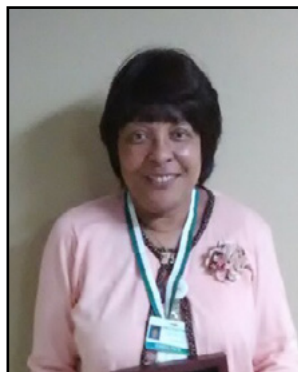


Trent Poston
Information Technology
February 2018

MPA



Nichole Windham
McLeod Women's Care
February 2018



Carolyn Bellamy
Nutrition Services
February 2018

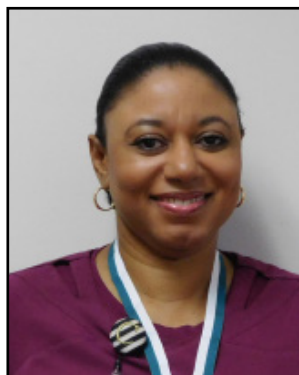


Marie Glessner
Emergency Department
February 2018

Loris Seacoast

Clarendon

Cheraw



Cheryl Douglas
Radiology
December 2017



Mary Bethea
Environmental Services
January 2018

***Not Pictured:**
Carolyn Patton
Respiratory Therapy
Loris Seacoast
February 2018

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Friday: 5:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

www.McLeodHealthFitness.org.

McLeod Resource Center



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For a complete list of upcoming events, please click **here** to view the McLeod Health calendar.