

as a Recipient of 2017 Humanitarian Physician Alumni Award



Dr. Gabe Simpson, Medical Director of McLeod Health Cheraw, has received the Medical University of South Carolina's Humanitarian Physician Alumni Award.

"We are incredibly blessed to have a physician of Dr. Simpson's caliber practicing at McLeod Health Cheraw. Dr. Simpson cares passionately about the quality of medical care provided to our patients," said Mib Scoggins, Hospital Administrator for McLeod Health Cheraw. "He is a true advocate for patients and their well-being."

Each year, the School of Medicine presents a number of prestigious awards to the most dedicated and qualified alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement or service to the university. Individuals are nominated by alumni and friends of the school to be recipients of these distinguished awards.

Dr. Gabe Simpson

Dr. Gabe Simpson, class of 2000, is a board certified emergency medicine physician and serves as Medical Director of the Emergency Department and Chief of Staff of McLeod Health Cheraw. He is also the longest-tenured physician in the emergency department. Dr. Simpson completed his residency training in Emergency Medicine at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia in 2003. There he served as Chief Resident and received the Outstanding Resident of the Year Award and the Sydney R. Berens Award for Compassion.

In 2009 Gabe and his wife Lisa were led by their faith to establish the all-volunteer Mercy in Me Free Medical Clinic in Cheraw. Simpson serves as founding Chairman, Medical Director and Primary Physician and Lisa acts as founding Board Member and Nurse. They continue to donate their time, resources and energy in a volunteer capacity.

In 2013 Simpson was led along with others to spearhead a homeless shelter to meet the needs of his community, His Hands and Feet of Chesterfield County and continues as chairman of the board for the shelter.

Dr. Simpson has received several recognitions during his career. Some of these include the medical school graduating honors of Magna Cum Laude and Alpha Omega Alpha with Residency honors of Emergency Medicine In-service exam score of 98 percentile nationally.

Dr. Simpson resides in Cheraw with his wife Lisa. They have four children, Ashley (Spencer), Jordan, Gracie, Ian and one grandson, Kellan.

Potential for Fox Encounters Increase in Summer Months

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission reminds residents that fox sightings during daylight hours are possible and normal. Foxes commonly live in suburban and urban areas and can be active both during the day and at night. People who encounter foxes do not typically need to take any action, but they should exercise caution to prevent unwanted interactions.

"Simply seeing a fox should not be any cause for concern," said Jessie Birkhead, the Commission's extension biologist. "Sightings can be more common in the summer months while people are enjoying the outdoors. It's during this time that foxes can be seen foraging for food and raising their young."

Fox attacks on humans and domesticated animals are rare. Foxes can carry rabies, a fatal disease transmitted from animals to humans by bites, or by contact of rabies-infected blood or saliva with an open wound. Rabid foxes might exhibit signs such as aggression, disorientation, stumbling and excessive salivation. If you believe you have encountered a rabid animal, call your local animal control.

The Commission offers several suggestions for residents to avoid unwanted interactions with foxes:

- Don't feed foxes - they can lose their fear of people, which can lead to aggressive behavior. Clean up pet food, secure trash in animal-proof containers, clean barbecue grills, clear fallen fruit from around trees and remove bird feeders.
- Establish protective barriers to keep foxes from entering basements, crawl spaces, attics and beneath decks, where they might create dens.
- Avoid den areas - foxes can be protective of their young, exhibiting aggressive behavior towards pets and people that come close to their den.
- Secure and supervise pets when outside or keep them indoors.

For additional information and tips for preventing and addressing problems with foxes visit www.ncwildlife.org.

Residents with questions about wildlife in and around their homes are encouraged to call the Commission's new N.C. Wildlife Helpline toll-free at 866-318-2401. Open Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the call center offers information and recommendations on wildlife problems and concerns. Visit www.ncwildlife.org/Have-A-Problem for additional information.

Free Computer Skills Classes at BRLC

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center in cooperation with South Piedmont Community College is providing Computer Literacy classes for adults. Enroll now for the summer sessions. All students need to enroll in advance. This class is designed to break the fears from those who are finding it difficult in becoming comfortable with computer knowledge.

The classes are Computer Skills for the Work Place, Computer Skills for Job Seekers, Computer Skills for Home and Home-Based Businesses. The classes are on a first come, first served basis. The computer training is one on one.

Do not hesitate to enroll. You do not have to be left out or afraid any more. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. Call 704-826-8182 or 704-826-8737 to enroll.



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