

**PHARMACY:** Owner, Atchley Drug Center, Greeneville, Tenn.

**AGE:** 43

**EDUCATION:** University of Louisiana at Monroe, 2004.

**FAMILY:** Wife, Rowena; two children, Jacob and Julia.

**ETERNALLY INDEPENDENT:** Will has never worked for a non-independent pharmacy. "I like being able to practice pharmacy the way I think it should be done, in a way that is satisfying to me, not shareholders."

**A CAMPING TRIP CHANGED HIS LIFE:** In 2006, an intern who worked at the pharmacy in Louisiana with him told Will about the beauty of the Smoky Mountains. He'd never been there but decided to go there for a camping vacation. "We loved the area, loved the mountains. We could see ourselves living there. So, we knew we would have to make a decision – do we want to live here for the next 30 years?" They did.

**PATH TO PHARMACY:** Will thought about becoming a youth minister, then a history teacher. Neither seemed exactly right. But one night, he was talking to his now-wife, and she asked, "What did you want to do when you were a kid?" He remembered tagging along with his grandfather on trips to the pharmacy and being impressed that the pharmacist helped people. "It just felt right," he said.

**PHARMACY PASSION:** "I love being able to help people, being a trusted source. It's a very rewarding career, professionally and personally."

**FLIP FAN:** Atchley Drug participated in Flip the Pharmacy and it's responsible for some big changes in the pharmacy. "Ecare plans changed my way of thinking. Initially it was hard, but we got there and made big changes to our sync program and (medication therapy management) and workflow."

**NCPA'S VALUE TO ME:** "You've got to have a voice, and NCPA is a great voice for independent pharmacy. NCPA gets out the message that we need to get out."



**Will Giddings, PharmD**

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