

PHARMACY: Owner/pharmacist, Tega Cay Pharmacy, Tega Cay, S.C.

AGE: 52

FAMILY: Son, Zachary, 23; daughter, Regan, 22.

EDUCATION: B.S. in Pharmacy, University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, 1993.

CLOSE TO HOME: Lisa grew up in Fort Mill, S.C., just over the state line from Charlotte, N.C. Fort Mill was a small town of about 5,000 in 1990; today, it's a growing suburb with almost 28,000 residents. After getting her pharmacy degree, Lisa came back to her hometown and hasn't left.

PATH TO PHARMACY: Lisa was a self-described "math and science geek" in high school. She worked part-time at the local Revco and was so impressed by how the pharmacists dealt with patients that she decided to be a pharmacist.

ON HER OWN: Lisa opened her own pharmacy in neighboring Tega Cay in February 2005 after working at many chains. She had worked part-time when her children were small and starting her own business was eye-opening. "I went from working six hours a week to working 60 hours a week."

PHARMACY PASSION: Patient relationships. Lisa knows her patients by name, and that means a lot to them. Recently, a patient walked in with his teenage nephew in tow. Lisa greeted him by name and the man turned to his nephew and said, "See, I told you they know my name." She and her staff make a point to know patient names and personal stories. "The connections keep me going," she says.

NCPA'S VALUE TO ME: "NCPA keeps me connected to other community pharmacists. Sometimes I feel like I'm in a bubble by myself, but because of NCPA, I can see what others are doing, and that helps me keep my store alive, and that's uplifting to me. And the advocacy work is so important."

Lisa Honeycutt, RPh