

LESLEE HUGGINS Co-Founder and Producer



Dr. Leslee Huggins, a southerner by birth and a New Englander by choice, brings a unique and insightful balance of intellect, art, and compassion to the team at New Shepherd Films.

Talented, intelligent, gifted, and a leader, Dr. Leslee can best be described as passionate. She is absolutely passionate about sharing God with others. And she does this at every opportunity.

Leslee received her degree as a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry. During her first residency, she went on to earn her Master of Science degree in Orthodontics from St. Louis University. She then began private practice in Raleigh, NC where she quickly became aware of the needs of pediatric dental patients in the underserved community—an experience which became the driving force for all her future endeavors. As a result, Dr. Leslee returned to school and completed a second residency in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill—while maintaining her private practice at the same time!

A dual-specialist in the field of dentistry, Dr. Leslee relocated to her home state of Texas after enjoying 11 successful years in private practice. Shortly thereafter, she was presented with an opportunity to practice the dentistry she's always wanted to do. But, it required another move—this time to a cooler climate far away from the Texas heat! In July 2007, Dr. Huggins and her family now called New England home.

Dr. Leslee specializes in serving children with special needs and working in the underserved communities throughout much of New England. Whether she's performing surgery or seeing patients in the clinic, she's able to do the job she loves for the children about which she cares deeply. She's also a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a reviewer for their professional journal, Pediatric Dentistry.

But her service to others doesn't stop here. Dr. Leslee is deeply committed to service at all levels. This is what led her to serving our country in the US Navy Reserves. A decorated officer, she holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander and is part of the vital Naval Health Clinic of New England (NHCNE) medical team stationed at Naval Station Newport in Rhode Island.

With all this as part of her normal life, it would be easy to overlook the artistic side of Leslee. And you would be missing a lot! An accomplished musician on several instruments, most notably the flute, Leslee is completely at home performing in front of an audience. Whether in church, at halftime in a crowded football stadium, or simply entertaining at home, the lofty and gentle strains of her music always help remind us that God is near. Her talents extend beyond music and onto the stage as well as into the studio in front of the camera. An award-nominated stage actress, Leslee was the spokesperson on a national advertising campaign for Hasbro!

These are among the many gifts she provides to the team at New Shepherd Films. Perhaps most importantly, she brings a love for God and the heart of a servant.