

"THANK YOU ANYWAY, DOCTOR".... TALES OF A SMALL TOWN DOCTOR

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Northumberland County – The love, respect and admiration that daughter Franca Leeson has for her father, the late Dr. Jack Leeson, has inspired her to pay tribute to his memory with a gift to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation.

Franca has recently reprinted and donated 200 of her father's books "Thank You Anyway, Doctor" - Tales of a Small Town Doctor, to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be in support of the hospital.

Originally published in 2000, Dr. Jack Leeson's book contains anecdotes drawing on his experience of doctoring for over 50 years in small town Ontario.

"Dad died in March, 2004. He had asked that people donate to the hospital fund in his memory. But I thought it might be great to do something extra, something that could show the community how much he loved being part of it. So I reprinted his book and donated them to the hospital Foundation to raise funds with."

"This is a unique gift that Franca has extended to the hospital. We're looking forward to making Dr. Leeson's book once again available to the community for purchase. I understand that the original three printings were completely sold out" says Rhonda Cunningham, Executive Director of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation.

Thank You Anyway, Doctor is an interesting read that would appeal to any and all readers. The true stories contained within the book have been changed only enough to protect the identities of the individuals described. These stories celebrate people – not celebrities or big names, but ordinary people. Some are funny, some sad, some disturbing; but the characteristic they all have in common is simple: for one reason or another, Dr. Leeson found them interesting too.

The book is available for sale in the Foundation office at the hospital, The Little Treasurer Gift Shop, The Avid Reader in Midtown Mall and Page & Turners Book Store on King Street West in Cobourg. Purchase price is \$20.

For a more complete list on where you can purchase Dr. Leeson's book, please visit the Foundation's webpage at www.nhh.ca/foundation or www.jackleeson.com.

For more information, please call.

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