



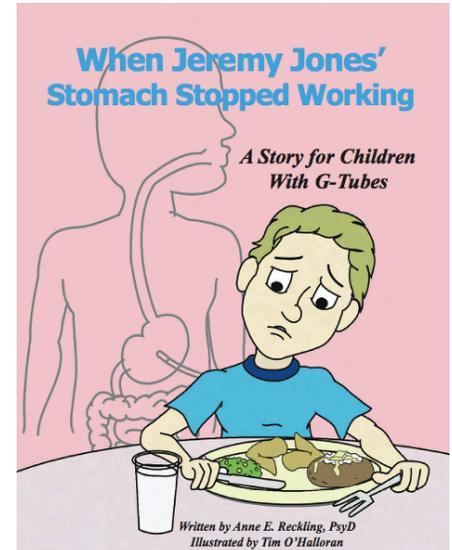
## ThriveRx sponsors children's g-tube book

If your child has a g-tube or needs one, MitoAction has a must-read book for you.

Written by Anne E. Reckling, PsyD, and illustrated by Tim O'Halloran, "When Jeremy Jones' Stomach Stopped Working" is for children from preschool to middle school who have a feeding tube (gastronomy tube or "g-tube"), as well as for their siblings and friends.

More than 2,000 of these free books have been distributed since 2007.

Now, thanks to MitoAction's sponsor ThriveRx, a second printing of this important book has been completed. ThriveRx's mission is to empower families on Enteral or Parenteral Nutrition through clinical care and education. "More traditional companies treat the patient, but we treat the person," said Deborah Pfister, R.D., C.N.S.D., director of nutrition at ThriveRx. "We are dedicated to helping people who are at home on nutrition support to live their lives."



ThriveRx's partnership with MitoAction grew out of a common mission.

"Like MitoAction, we believe that the focus should be on the patient and the family," Pfister said.

The book is intended to help children with g-tubes recognize their strengths, understand more about their g-tubes and g-tube surgery, and accept their g-tubes as an important part of their growth and continuing strength. The book uses humor to temper the seriousness of the subject while explaining the medical facts.

"The book helps children and it helps parents and adults to have a greater understanding that's beyond the medical part of it," Pfister said. "It fits with the approach that patients are people and how are they are affected by the therapy." Author Anne Reckling, PsyD was inspired to write the book when her son needed a g-tube. Her son has mitochondrial disease.

"When Jeremy Jones' Stomach Stopped Working" helps improve communication between parents, children, family members, school personnel, and friends with regard to the topic of g-tube feeding.

"It's an honor to work with [Executive Director] Cristy Balcells and the MitoAction group. We're all working toward bettering people's lives," Pfister said.

Request your free book now! Email your name, address, and how many books you'd like to Ginger at [support@mitoaction.org](mailto:support@mitoaction.org).

*MitoAction's mission is to improve the quality of life for everyone affected by mitochondrial disease through support, education, outreach, and advocacy initiatives. The Boston-based 501(c)(3) charity incorporated in 2005 is a dedicated support and empowerment organization for patients and caregivers affected by mitochondrial disease. We believe help today for Mito patients and families is just as important as research for a cure tomorrow.*