

New Book Offers Inspirational Message Of Hope

(NAPSA)—It would be difficult to go through the experience of a heart transplant without examining and then re-examining what's important in life.

That's exactly what happened when Rich DeVos, a nationally renowned speaker, philanthropist and successful businessman, underwent heart transplant surgery at age 71.

DeVos came up with some interesting conclusions about what is important in life and decided to share them in a new book, *Hope From My Heart: Ten Lessons for Life*.

"A heart transplant is more than a medical procedure," says DeVos. "It is a test of character and will. People who survive must be able to marshal their inner resources and fight to survive."

Will is something DeVos has already demonstrated plenty of.

In 1959, DeVos and his partner founded Amway Corp., which today is one of the world's largest direct-selling companies with \$5 billion in annual sales. Additionally, DeVos is owner and chairman of the NBA's Orlando Magic.

Each chapter of his new book contains practical motivational lessons on subjects like persistence, confidence, respect, optimism and faith.

The book also describes the philosophies, beliefs and values that have sustained his life.

Excerpts From **Hope From My Heart:**

It's not how we handle the good days that determines how well we do in life. It's how we handle the bad days.

If you're too busy to spend time with your family, you're too busy. Some tasks in life cannot be delegated and parenthood is one of them.

God's grace gives hope in the most hopeless situations.

Respect begins with how you feel about yourself, not what others say about you.



"I've had many successes and failures in life, but I've never lost hope. I want to share what I've learned with others. I want them to hope," DeVos adds.

His is a story of hope. Through various struggles—some in business, but more importantly with his physical health—he has maintained a strong, personal faith in God and says he never lost hope.

"Everything I've done in my life is based on a foundation of values instilled by my family and my faith. I felt compelled to share these lessons and my message of hope," says DeVos.

The book is available online at amazon.com and bn.com.