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Part of Georgetown for 50 Years!



Oldest Storefront



Ken Milne in early 70's

When Stuart Young bought Robb's Drug Store in 1958, there were no computers, no calculators and no patient records. The drug store, which Stuart renamed Young's Pharmacy, was a two-person operation with Stuart taking care of the pharmacy side and Eleanor Inglis taking care of the shop.

A lot has changed over the last 50 years. Today, Young's Pharmacy and Homecare has more than 60 employees and computerized patient records, as well as a postal outlet, a cosmetics counter, a homecare department, a gift area and a full-time nurse. Even the store's location has changed: originally located at 76 Main Street South in downtown Georgetown, Young's Pharmacy moved across the street to 47 Main Street South in 1992.

Despite all these changes, Young's has maintained its friendly, personalized approach.

"We think of ourselves as a small-town pharmacy," say Neil Young, who has been running the pharmacy since his father, Stuart, retired in 1970. "Our customers are our friends and we treat them as we would our friends."

Although Young's Pharmacy is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the business can trace its history back much further.



Our present staff and storefront

"My dad bought it from the Robbs, who bought it from a guy, who bought it from a guy and so on," Neil says. "The pharmacy has been continuously operated since 1857."

At one point, there were three drug stores in downtown Georgetown. Today, Young's is the only pharmacy in that part of town and is the oldest independent drug store in Georgetown.

Neil says his pharmacy has stayed in business by introducing new services and changing with the times.

In the late '50s, Young's was the first pharmacy in Georgetown to stay open until 9 p.m. to accommodate the workers and rural families who were busy during normal business hours. The store set up a postal outlet in 1965 to serve the people and businesses in downtown Georgetown after the main post office moved from the corner of Mill Street and Park Avenue.

More recently, Young's Pharmacy hired a full-time nurse and introduced screening and counselling programs for things like bone density, blood pressure and osteoporosis.

Throughout it all, Young's Pharmacy has always boasted top-notch customer service and has had the same philosophy since day one:

"We are always on the customer's side," Neil says. "We'll support our customers' decisions as long as we feel they have enough knowledge to make an informed choice. We are their advocates."



Robb's Drug Store. Wes Robb on left and Stuart Young.



Young's Pharmacy in the 80's

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