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Dream of Building Hope and Caring Communities Comes True

(SCARBOROUGH) – On November 28, 2004, hundreds gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Yee Hong Centre – Scarborough Finch, the fourth and newest nursing home of the Yee Hong community. Located at 60 Scottfield Drive, not only is this new centre home to 250 residents of both Chinese and Japanese cultural backgrounds, but it is also a role model in the geriatric care industry.

The ceremonies, officiated by The Hon. George Smitherman - Minister of Health and Long Term Care of Ontario, and Toronto City Councillor Olivia Chow on behalf of Mayor David Miller, marked a milestone in the rapid expansion of Yee Hong. In just ten short years, the organization has grown from a dream into a reality which includes four centres across the Greater Toronto Area, and counts thousands of families among those whose lives they have improved. When Dr. Joseph Wong celebrated the Grand Opening of the first Yee Hong in 1994 for Chinese seniors, no one could have imagined that Yee Hong could grow as fast as it did. Yee Hong now serves seniors of a variety of cultural backgrounds, with a Japanese wing at their newest centre, Scarborough Finch, and South Asian, Portuguese, Filipino and Vietnamese units in other facilities. In addition to providing comprehensive culturally sensitive services and care, Yee Hong aims to provide a holistic approach which includes nursing care, spiritual enrichment, rehabilitation services, and social activities

“This newest facility will maintain and improve our best practices in delivering culturally sensitive care. In a few years, this 8-acre piece of land will include an education and training centre, multipurpose hall, senior apartments, , wellness centre and medical and rehabilitation centres, first coming on board is the 308 units seniors life lease buildings with occupancy expected early next year. When these facets are fully developed, it will be an international model for geriatric care.” said Florence Wong, CEO of Yee Hong Centre.

Dr. Joseph Y.K. Wong, Chair, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care and Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation stated, “Past success has not and will not make us complacent. We are determined to continually raise the bar, and keep reaching out to touch more lives and more communities. We are thrilled to partner with groups such as Momiji Health Care Society to extend the highest quality of care to the community as a whole. The value of community and family is the true essence of being Canadian – that is the foundation on which Yee Hong was built.”

Established in October 1994, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care is a charitable organization that provides a comprehensive range of culturally appropriate services to seniors. Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation raises all necessary funds to support the facilities, services and programs of the four centres in Scarborough, Markham and Mississauga.

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