

News Release

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Contribution of Over 2,000 People = \$1.5 Million Raised Miracles Happened at Dragon Ball 2005

February 8, 2005 (TORONTO) – On February 5, Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation held its signature event, Dragon Ball 2005, at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building to welcome the Chinese New Year of the Rooster. Thanks to the contribution of over 330 volunteers, 1,700 guests, numerous corporate sponsors and donors, the event garnered about \$1.5 million for Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care to support a continuum of culturally appropriate services ranging from active senior programs, to medical and rehabilitation services, to cancer and palliative care.

“To manage an event of such an array of food and entertainment and such a big audience and work team is a huge undertaking. We owe much of the success to TD Bank Financial Group, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in the same year. We are also extremely grateful for the support of all who took part in organizing the event, including corporate sponsors, donors, media partners, government officials, volunteers, contractors and staff members,” said Dr. Joseph Y.K. Wong, Chair, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care and Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation.

From the Grand Reception to the gala to Midnight Fantasy Buffet, delicacies from Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Malaysian, Thai and Vietnamese cuisine were featured. The audience enjoyed an east meets west entertainment program. Canadian legend Jeff Healey and his Jazz Wizards were joined in jazz by special guest performer, erhu master, George Gao. A program of speeches, traditional dances, lucky draws, video greetings and prize presentations filled the night. Guests went home with their hands full of silent auction items after dancing to Ritmo Azul’s Latin jazz magic.

Ed Clark, President and CEO of TD Bank Financial Group received the Corporate Community Champion Award on behalf of his company for its community contribution from Dr. Joseph Y.K. Wong. June Callwood, Companion of Order of Canada, was awarded Yee Hong’s Golden Achievement Award and a street sign in her name for her exceptional humanitarian success. As the Grand Raffle was drawn, Lai Wan Tam of ticket number 00216 drove home with the grand prize, a 2005 Cadillac STS of \$70,794, generously donated by General Motors of Canada Limited.

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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