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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL PAYS VISIT TO THE SENIORS AT YEE HONG

TORONTO - Today, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, visited Yee Hong Centre, Scarborough-Finch, where she met with residents and staff members. Throughout the tour, she was accompanied by Dr. Joseph Wong, Chair and Founder of Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation and Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care, Pauline Tong, President of the Foundation, Florence Wong, CEO of the four Centres and Tilda Hui, Executive Director of the Scarborough-Finch Centre.

The Governor General visited living quarters in both the Chinese and Japanese wing, the lounge areas, the kitchen facility, various activity rooms and the "Unconditional Love" Quilt. She interacted more closely with the resident seniors during the active seniors' program called "Fun Day". The program included activities such as Karaoke, yoga, a costume competition and the 'brain dance'. During the Governor General's visit to the Chinese and Japanese wing, resident seniors presented hand crafted gifts to the Governor General to show their appreciation for her visit. The Governor General, along with our seniors and staff enjoyed the remainder of her visit with a delicious dim sum lunch in the Yee Hong Tea Garden.

"We have across Ontario, 600 homes, 600 homes, but none of them, none of them have been able to match on an ongoing basis, the record of compliance and quality of care that is provided in the Yee Hong centres", stated Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Honourable George Smitherman at the Scarborough-Finch Centre grand opening on November 28, 2004. Through nursing home, community centre and non-profit housing, Yee Hong provides seniors with culturally and linguistically-appropriate services. Above all, Yee Hong's comprehensive model has set a standard for all other long-term care facilities within Ontario.

Established in October of 1994, the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides quality services and exceptional programs for seniors. Currently, with all four centres fully operational, Yee Hong continues to provide culturally and appropriate services to seniors not just within the Chinese community; but also those in the South Asian, Japanese, Filipino, Vietnamese and Portuguese communities. The Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation raises all necessary funds to cover the operation expenses of all services and programs of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care.

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