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SON RETRIEVES PEARL FROM SEA BOTTOM

BRAMPTON – Today, “The Legend of the Dragon Ball” was revealed inside The Mandarin Restaurant’s 30 ft aquarium. The story featured a 60 ft dragon (sponsored by Northern Legs Southern Fists), a scuba diver, and Yee Hong seniors, who took on the role of the parents in the story.

This story dates back to ancient China where a son works very hard to bring food to the table; at the same time, care for his parents’ well-being. Surprisingly, he finds a Dragon Ball pearl at the bottom of the sea. The Dragon of the East awakens as it is deeply touched by the son’s fidelity and unconditional love for his parents. The Dragon makes a promise to arrange a grand ball, known as “The Dragon Ball”, to raise money for seniors, ensuring they receive the love and finest care they deserve.

And so, the most festive and lavish gala of the year, The Dragon Ball, was born. This wonderful tradition of community and togetherness carries on today - a theme that stands parallel with Yee Hong’s mission. The Dragon Ball is now in its 17th year and has become Yee Hong’s signature fundraiser that raises more than \$1 million annually for senior’s services.

Every year, Dragon Ball honours outstanding individuals and organizations that have made an impact in the community. The Mandarin Restaurant is being honoured as the 2006 Corporate Community Champion for its long term support and \$1 million donation that has helped build three new Yee Hong Centres in Mississauga, Markham and Scarborough. Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion will be honoured with the Golden Achievement Award at the 2006 Dragon Ball which will take place on January 28, 2006 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building.

What began as a grassroots event in 1990, Dragon Ball is now one of the premier events on the Canadian social calendar. Our gala and feast has become the talk of the town, boasting a guest list of 1,500 patrons that includes distinguished celebrities, corporate leaders, and various community dignitaries. Raising over \$12.5 million, it has helped fund a range of services that offers a continuum of care for seniors at different stages of their lives – from community-based services for the healthy and independent, to long-term care.

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