



News Release

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**YEE HONG SENIOR CELEBRATES 111TH BIRTHDAY
SEVEN OTHER CENTENARIANS JOIN IN THE FUN!**

SCARBOROUGH – Today, Mrs. HOO Fan Shee celebrated her 111th birthday at the Yee Hong Centre- McNicoll, her home since she was 99 year old, when McNicoll first opened. Family, friends, Yee Hong staff and seven other centenarian residents joined together in the cake cutting ceremony and celebrations wishing her and others happiness and good health.

Reaching 111 years of age is an extremely rare occasion. She is among a few of the oldest seniors in Canada. In anticipation of the party, Mrs. Hoo said she had been looking forward to having cake and seeing the grandsons who she loves very much.

The Honourable Mike Colle, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, MP Derek Lee, MPP Bas Balkissoon and City Councillor Chin Lee were on hand to celebrate and bring congratulatory certificates to the centenarians being honoured.

In total, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care has 14 centenarians living at our four nursing homes, and three centenarians who regularly attend our community programs.

Yee Hong's best care model has earned it the reputation of being a provider of choice and has raised the bar for all nursing homes in Ontario. At Yee Hong, we have higher life expectancy than other nursing homes. Life expectancy among residents at Yee Hong is nearly 7 years where the province-wide average is just 2.5 years. Also, at other chronic care facilities, there is up to 35% incidence of bed ulcers, where at Yee Hong it is only 3%. Yee Hong's community programs also encourages independent living in the community and play an integral role in helping our seniors maintain the maximum level of health and functioning.

Established in October 1994, Yee Hong is changing people's perceptions of nursing homes with our wide range of high quality and culturally appropriate senior services. The Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation is a charitable organization that raises necessary funds to support the facilities, services and programs of the four centres in Scarborough, Markham and Mississauga. For more info, please visit www.yeehong.com.

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