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\$360,000 Grant Invested In Yee Hong Adult Day Program

MISSISSAUGA, October 21, 2008 – Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care is pleased to announce that the Mississauga Halton LHIN has provided a grant of \$360,000 to start an adult day program, congregate dining and caregiver support programs in our Mississauga centre.

“This grant will benefit members of the aging community who reside in Peel and Halton Regions,” said Dr. Joseph Wong, Founder and Chair, Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation. “I am very pleased the Mississauga Halton LHIN has recognized the efforts of Yee Hong and provided us with this grant. It reaffirms our commitment to providing leadership in culturally appropriate care for seniors residing in the surrounding communities.”

The services and programs at Yee Hong, as a result of this grant, are developed to promote wellness and social integration, improve quality of life and counter the sense of isolation and loneliness common among seniors. “This is the mandate of the Aging at Home strategy the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care has been promoting,” said Caesar Cheng, Mississauga Halton LHIN Board Member. “Yee Hong is fully capable of delivering the continuum of services that benefit thousands in the community.”

Currently Yee Hong Centre in Mississauga is running four days of adult day program and one day of congregate dining program. “We will continue to look for ways to improve and expand our services for seniors at the Centre and in the community,” said Florence Wong, CEO, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care. “Currently, we have close to 220 seniors across the Greater Toronto Area waiting to attend Yee Hong’s Day Programs. For those who are enrolled in our programs, over 80% of them have expressed a high degree of satisfaction in a recent client survey. More important, the programs could meet their needs while provide respite for their families.”

The Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care is a non-profit organization dedicated to delivering high quality and culturally appropriate services to seniors in the Greater Toronto and the surrounding areas. Our mission is to enable seniors to live life to the fullest – in the healthiest, most independent and dignified ways. The Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation is the fundraising, communications and public relations arm of the Yee Hong family. The Foundation raises all necessary funds to cover the operation expenses of the services and programs offered by the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care.

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