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\$214,700 OTF Grant Invested In Senior’s Services in York Region
MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek Congratulates Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care

Markham – For the families of seniors living with Alzheimer disease and related dementia, having access to services to assist them within the community is important. Now thanks to a three-year, \$214,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care is taking steps expand services to Chinese Canadians living in the area. Today, Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP Oak Ridges-Markham and Grace Locilento, a volunteer from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, presented a special plaque to the Centre in honour of their efforts.

“This grant will benefit members of the Chinese community who reside in York Region,” said Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP. “I am very pleased the Ontario Trillium Foundation has recognized the efforts of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care and provided the Centre with this grant. It reaffirms the value of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care’s commitment to providing leadership in culturally appropriate care for seniors residing within our community.”

The Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care has four locations across the Greater Toronto Area: Markham, Mississauga and two locations in Scarborough. Money from the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s grant is being used over the three years period of the grant to help create more awareness and understanding of Alzheimer disease and related dementia in the local Chinese Canadian community. New policies and procedures will be created and there will be new information workshops and educational resources made available. In addition, staff and volunteers in Markham will receive expanded training to continue their work with seniors and their families.

"Yee Hong Centre really appreciates the support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation," said Florence Wong, CEO of Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care. "This investment will not only help improve our services in long term and community care, but more importantly, increase community awareness and support for Chinese Canadians with Alzheimer and related dementia."

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.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. OTF continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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