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Education and Resource Centre for York Region Caregivers

RICHMOND HILL (September 10, 2009) – The official opening of the Caregiver Education and Resource Centre in Richmond Hill this morning signifies Yee Hong’s continued expansion of its services in York Region where a large population of Chinese Canadians resides. Representatives from the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Yee Hong directors and staff, clients and supporters celebrated the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony and the traditional lion dance.

“We are delighted that Central LHIN selected Yee Hong as a partner which allows us to launch our Care Ambassador Program in York Region,” said Dr. Joseph Wong, the Founder of Yee Hong and the Chair of Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation. “Its opening reaffirms Yee Hong’s commitment in providing quality care for seniors and their families.”

The Care Ambassador Program in York Region, funded by Central LHIN and Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), is to provide education and support for caregivers of elderly relatives and family members. Yee Hong is collaborating with the University of Toronto, Heart and Stroke Foundation and Alzheimer’s Society to develop Chinese training programs and manuals for caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients and post-stroke survivors.

"Enhancing services for seniors and their families is a key area of focus within the priorities of our Integrated Health Service Plan," said Kim Baker, Chief Executive Officer of Central LHIN. "We are pleased that Yee Hong shares the same commitment. We are confident this new centre will help Yee Hong continue to meet the needs of the local community and better support local caregivers."

"I really appreciate the support provided by Yee Hong," said Karen Ip, a caregiver to her mother who is suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. "The training and workshops are very practical. More importantly, in our case the program is able to increase community awareness and support for Chinese Canadians with dementia and other diseases in older people."

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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The Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is one of 14 LHINs established by the government of Ontario as community-based organizations to plan, coordinate, integrate and fund health services at the local level. One of the most populous and diverse LHINs, Central LHIN encompasses the majority of York Region, as well as north Toronto and south Simcoe. Through its Integrated Health Service Plan, Central LHIN is dedicated to improving the accessibility, coordination, quality and efficiency of our health system, to help people lead healthier lives. Learn more about Central LHIN at www.centrallhin.on.ca

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