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## **Yee Hong to open Scarborough’s first residential hospice in Fall 2020**

**Scarborough, ON** – Yee Hong P K Kwok Hospice, the first residential hospice in Scarborough and the first and only hospice co-located in a long-term care home, is expected to open its doors in Fall 2020.

Located at Yee Hong Scarborough Finch Centre, the facility will include 10 residential rooms, as well as expanded space such as kitchen, dining area and spa room. The construction process has now reached 50 per cent completion.

Currently, terminally ill patients in Scarborough only have options for in-home care or hospital-based palliative care. This new residential hospice will help fill the gap in continued end-of-life care in the region.

Scarborough is one of the most multicultural communities in the Greater Toronto Area and is home to many languages and cultures, and the clients of the hospice will reflect this diversity. Yee Hong’s experience in high-quality long-term care for Chinese and other ethnic groups will be key to delivering similarly appropriate hospice care.

Ms Tracy Jones, CEO of Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care, said, “We are excited as we build the first hospice in Scarborough, leading to the creation of a Centre of Excellence for Palliative Care and End of Life Care.”

“Together with our community partners and other stakeholders, we hope to build our collective capacity to offer exemplary quality hospice palliative care and services to meet the demonstrated need in our communities,” Ms Jones added.

Operating four long-term care homes with 805 beds and a wide range of community support services, Yee Hong is the largest nonprofit senior care organization in Canada. The new residential hospice is a part of Yee Hong’s Strategic Plan to provide culture and language-appropriate services along the aging continuum.

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The Yee Hong Hospice will also be the first to be built by the Chinese community in Canada. Yee Hong plans to extend culturally appropriate palliative and end-of-life programs and services to those with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Ms Nazira Jaffer and Dr Raymond Berry, seasoned experts in palliative care, have been appointed as the Executive Director and Medical Director for Yee Hong P K Kwok Hospice, respectively. The facility is now recruiting hospice care specialists and volunteers who have the compassion and substantive knowledge.

“We are excited to be establishing the first residential hospice in Scarborough which will be focused on care of our ethnocultural community. This hospice will provide an alternative option for the terminally ill. Our team will support optimum living for the dying with love, compassion, dignity and beauty”, said Ms Jaffer.

“According to Hospice Palliative Care Ontario, it costs about \$1.5 million per year to operate a 10-bed residential hospice. We will be funded about \$1 million annually by the Ministry of Health, thus an annual shortfall of \$500,000 is expected,” said Mr Stephen Siu, President of Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation. “Sustainable financial support from the community is needed to ensure that the hospice residents receive the dignity, compassion and quality of care they deserve in their final days.”

For more information about Yee Hong Hospice, please contact Ms Nazira Jaffer at [Nazira.Jaffer@yeehong.com](mailto:Nazira.Jaffer@yeehong.com).



From left: Ms Jennifer Dockery, Vice President Operations and Chief Nursing Executive of Yee Hong Centre; Dr Raymond Berry, Medical Director of Yee Hong Hospice; Ms Nazira Jaffer, Executive Director of Yee Hong Hospice; Mr Stephen Siu, President of Yee Hong Foundation

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Yee Hong P K Kwok Hospice under construction

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