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Press release

## Early Blooms Montessori Daycare Opens at Yee Hong Centre

TORONTO, ON (July 23, 2016) – The Early Blooms Montessori Daycare has opened its first location at Yee Hong Ho Lai Oi Wan Centre, a geriatric care facility in Markham. A garden party was held today (Saturday) to celebrate the opening.

The celebration was attended by close to 70 guests. Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Markham Councillors Amanda Collucci and Alan Ho were among the VIPs.

The daycare centre's location at the Yee Hong Ho Lai Oi Wan Centre also creates a unique opportunity to promote intergenerational learning.

CEO of Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care, Eric Hong, expressed a warm welcome to the new daycare. "Early Blooms Montessori Daycare and Yee Hong share a similar mission - to build a strong community through providing high quality care to the vulnerable populations. We look forward to working together to create an intergeneration program which will benefit the two generations."

Like Yee Hong itself, Early Blooms was founded by immigrants. "My family arrived in Canada as Vietnamese refugees 35 years ago. We are extremely grateful for what this country has offered us, now it's time for us to give back to the community," said Cynthia Vo, Educator and Director of the Daycare.

Early Blooms Montessori Daycare embraces the concept of a holistic community-based daycare, with programs that adhere to the core Montessori philosophy. The modern, spacious facility offers onsite catering, a large outdoor play area and an organic vegetable garden.

Yee Hong Ho Lai Oi Wan Centre – Markham is one of the four Yee Hong Centres for Geriatric Care in Greater Toronto Area. It has been providing culturally appropriate care to Chinese and South Asian Canadian seniors since 2002. The Markham Centre is now operating 200 long term care beds and offering various outreach programs to the community.

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From left: Amy Go, Executive Director of Yee Hong Markham Centre; Eric Hong, CEO of Yee Hong Centre; Judy Pun, Yee Hong Markham Centre Resident Council Chair; Markham Councillor Amanda Collucci; Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti; Cynthia Vo, Director of the Daycare; Markham Councillor Alan Ho; Stephen Siu, President of Yee Hong Foundation.

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