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Mon Sheong Foundation Receives Major Federal Funding

Minister Tassi Announces Close to \$1.9 million to Mon Sheong

Richmond Hill, ON, August 13, 2019 – Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister of Seniors made a major announcement at Richmond Hill Long-Term Care Centre bright and early on this morning. Mon Sheong Foundation would be receiving almost \$1.9 million in funding for their new project, R.E.A.C.H. for Aging Well. As the spearhead of this project, Mon Sheong will be partnering with community organizations to host a variety of activities to increase, encourage and bring awareness toward social inclusion of Chinese seniors. Board members present were very pleased by this announcement.

Minister Tassi congratulated Mon Sheong for becoming one of the few organizations across the nation approved for Employment and Social Development Canada Funding: New Horizons for Seniors Program Pan-Canadian stream. With global aging being a more significant concern every day, new issues related to global aging are also slowly being uncovered. Loneliness is a growing problem. Perhaps due to a language barrier or mobility issues, more and more Chinese seniors find themselves isolated from the community. Mon Sheong hopes to help and encourage seniors to be a part of the community through the many programs this project will be hosting.

The R.E.A.C.H. for Aging Well project is geared towards increasing social inclusion of Chinese seniors over 55 years of age in the GTA, while raising community awareness. The R.E.A.C.H. for Aging Well project is built on the framework of Reciprocity, Engagement, Accessibility, Connection and Holistic. This project will offer 160 programs within five years. These activities will include five dimensions of wellness: physical, emotional, social, intellectual, and vocational. With these five dimensions of wellness, Mon Sheong hopes to help Chinese seniors become more connected to the community and those around them. With an estimated participation of 7,200, the program would benefit a large number of Chinese seniors in the GTA.

David Cheng, Vice President of Mon Sheong Foundation, said, “How we maintain seniors’ quality of life is indeed an urgent matter. We have partnered with Alzheimer Society of York Region, Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Mon Sheong Community Volunteer Services Centres to support seniors in being healthier, connecting with the community and adopting a more positive attitude towards life. Once funding is received, the preparation phase will begin. We plan to launch the first programs in April 2020. Stay tuned as more details are being finalized.”

Before starting the announcement, Minister Tassi was able to enjoy some time with the seniors from the Long-Term Care Centre and Adult Day Program. She joined them for a rousing game of “beach” volleyball and calligraphy. The seniors delighted in the Minister’s enthusiasm and the Minister spent a morning learning about their home and daily activities.



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About Us

Founded in Toronto in 1964 as a charitable organization to promote Chinese culture and heritage through caring for the elderly and nurturing the young, Mon Sheong Foundation provides programs and services to the elderly and to the young in response to the needs of Canada's culturally diverse communities.

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