

Spring 2017

Investing in our future

From time to time, people ask me why we continue to raise money. Wing Kei is well run and self-sustaining, receiving many acclaims from both provincial and national regulatory bodies such as Accreditation Canada. Why then does Wing Kei continues to fundraise? As an original founder of Wing Kei, I can tell you why we count on your support:

The need for seniors homes is ever increasing and our response is more intense. Recently, the Globe and Mail reported that the number of seniors over 65 exceeds the number of juniors aged 14 and under in Canada. Seniors are living longer than ever and their care needs are increasingly complex. Our government forecasts the need for as many as 4,000 long term care beds over the next four years. Wing Kei wants to be part of the solution, working with government in responding to needs and embarking on a Five Year Growth Plan to further build out our programs and services. We are here to serve seniors, responding to their needs holistically. We have two sites already and are working to open a third site.

Government funding for building seniors home is diminishing. Building a seniors home is expensive and funding for bricks and mortar is growing less on a per bed basis. In the past, our government provided as much as 50% or more of the building cost per bed. Currently we receive approximately 30% of construction costs per bed. The balance of construction cost is met through a combination of financing and fundraising. As much as possible, we prefer to increase our fundraising efforts instead of increase our debt load.

As a not for profit organization, we are encouraged to raise money and offer tax deductible receipts. In Alberta, a donor can receive as much as 42 cents of tax credit for every dollar donated.

Thanks to the residents living at Wing Kei and to you for your support as families and the community in serving seniors with God's love. This is a mission we are called to grow.

Our next major fundraising activity is the annual Walkathon on June 17. Please come and join us.

Vincent Leung

Board Chair

Vincent Leung is the co-founder of Wing Kei Nursing Home, a retired Chartered Accountant and a passionate leader in advocating for seniors care and wellness in the community.

Verna Yiu visits Wing Kei



In April, we were privileged to host Dr Verna Yiu, President and CEO of Alberta Health Services (AHS), on site at Wing Kei. We are proud to partner with AHS offering continuing care services in Calgary. We are accountable to AHS to use the funds they provide us with to ensure excellent, safe, quality care for our residents. Dr. Yiu enjoyed her tour of Wing Kei and was impressed with our technological innovations and with the love and care that reverberates through our centres. "You must be very proud of the facility and your staff," she said. "You really do provide exemplary care to Chinese senior citizens."

With gratitude for mai

"It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts 20:35

2017 has so far been a wonderful year for Wing Kei. We kicked off the year, like many of our neighbours in the Chinese community, in celebrating the Year of the Rooster with residents and their families. The Honorable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing and Craig Coolahan, MLA for Calgary-Klein joined us in our Chinese New Year celebrations, handing out red packets and talking with residents.

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Wonderful Volunteers and Staff

We know that the reason we are able to serve our seniors in the way we do is because of our outstanding volunteers and staff who firmly believe that we are part of a family in Wing Kei—a family who cares for one another, who solves problems together and who celebrates together. This year, we thanked 82 volunteers in our annual volunteer appreciation lunch. Volunteer Ann Marchie said, "It is very rewarding to me to see smiles from residents. I really appreciate the staff and volunteers—they have given me a wonderful retirement life during these past 10 years."

Her fellow volunteer, Helen Ing echoed Ann's comments saying, "Wing Kei is part of my life now! Even if I'm feeling leg pain, or if it snows, I still ride the bus to volunteer at Wing Kei. I really enjoy every moment I spend with the residents, and I love working with staff and the other volunteers. We have such strong team spirit." Our volunteers give 21,920 hours of their time to enhance programs at Wing Kei each year.

Honouring Service

In May, we honoured those staff who have served at Wing Kei for five, ten and fifteen years. In total, 32 staff were recognized: 25 for five years of service, six for ten years of service and one for 15 years of service. William Ma, Manager of Finance, said of his service, "Time flies, I can't believe it is already 10 years since I started working at Wing Kei. It is God's will to bring me here, and it is my pleasure to serve the seniors and the community. I thank Wing Kei for giving me the opportunity to serve and grow." Registered Nurse, Ellen Cheung-Yau, articulated the culture of Wing Kei saying, "I am proud to announce that I received a 5 year service award and love working at Wing Kei; it is a place where love, laughter and celebration happen every day!"

Closer to The Dream

Construction has begun on Greenview Phase 2 the heavy machinery has arrived! Our future care centre for 78 residents that is expected to open in the fall of 2018. We know that construction can be noisy and disruptive. We will do our best to minimize this in the coming months. The costs for adding an additional 78 spaces for seniors is approximately \$21.5M. Of this, we received \$5M from a government ASLI grant, took a loan for \$15M and accessed \$1.5M in internal funds.

Don't Miss Walkathon 2017

Coming up the 17th Annual Wing Kei Walkathon on June 17, 2017 at 10 am with a fundraising goal of \$200,000. Please come out, invite your family, friends and neighbours. To register for the Walkathon, please go to our website: wingkeicarecentre.org

A Bright Future

As the 2017 continues to unfold, we look forward to sharing many more milestones with you—the people in our community who continue to offer support so that we can do God's work.

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Many blessings

Delicious food, good company and a lion dance were the hallmarks of our Year of the Rooster festivities.



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Wing Kei celebrates our volunteers



A 10 year volunteer shares her Wing Kei experience

WING KEI Walkathon

Saturday,
June 17, 2017
Calgary Chinatown
Seniors' Centre

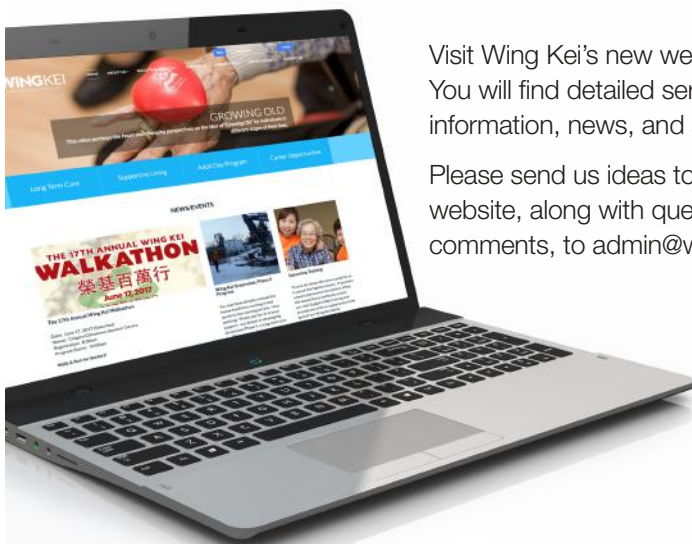
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information, news, and activities.

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website, along with questions and
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Save-the-Date

Wing Kei

Charity Golf Tournament
Thursday, August 17, 2017



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