

September 29, 2025

Dear family and friends,

The fall weather is sunny and beautiful. I hope you all enjoy it. I have the following happy news to share with you.

2024-25 Minister's Seniors' Service Award

Wing Kei is proud to be awarded the Minister's Seniors' Service Award in the category of Community Philanthropy in Action. This award celebrates those who mobilize community resources through philanthropic efforts to support seniors. Since the inception of the Chinese Christian Wing Kei Nursing Home Association in 1996, we have engaged thousands of families, donors and volunteers, to make a culturally-responsive continuing care facility for seniors a reality and beyond - serving now 320 residents and 64 adult day program clients. Such a lasting legacy continues to be seen in events like our annual Walk for Wing Kei, which now over 25 years has raised \$4.5M across thousands of donations and walkers. This passion shown by our community has inspired significant philanthropic contributions, including a recent \$1M pledge from a loyal donor and a \$1M grant from the Calgary Foundation towards the development of the new Wing Kei Highland Park continuing care and hospice facility.

This award is shared with our Wing Kei Family – you as our family members, volunteers and staff. We thank our staff and volunteers for their dedicated service that inspires trust from you. We thank you for the continued trust and feedback that makes Wing Kei a reputable care provider that inspires generosity. Finally we thank our donors for their generosity and walking with us on this mission to advance senior care together.

Alberta Continuing Care Association (ACCA) Awards of Excellence Recipient - Alberta Volunteer of the Year Award



Another piece of good news – Julia Lee our volunteer has been selected as a recipient of the 2025 ACCA Awards of Excellence - Alberta Volunteer of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the 2025 ACCA Conference on October 15.

Julia has shown exceptional dedication to Wing Kei through her tender loving care and transformative work in our Crescent Heights

outdoor garden over the last 10 years. She has made steady, year-by-year improvements, such as adding different colorful perennials. All her hard work is an expression of her love and care for those who live, work and visit Wing Kei. Her contributions have enriched the lives of everyone in our community and her impact is deeply appreciated. Congratulations, Julia!

Municipal Elections: Mobile Polling at Wing Kei

Just as previous years, to ensure voices of our residents are heard in the upcoming municipal election, mobile polling stations will be set up at Wing Kei for the residents:

- Wing Kei Crescent Heights: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Wing Kei Greenview: Friday, October 10, 2025 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Family members are welcome to help bring their loved ones down to the chapel to encourage civic participation.

Reception Closed: Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The Reception will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept 30. Families and visitors please remember to bring your Access Card when you come to visit your loved one.

Help create a respectful environment

We sincerely request everyone's help in creating a respectful environment at Wing Kei, because it is essential for the well-being of everyone at Wing Kei: residents, staff and visitors. It means treating everyone with kindness, dignity, and understanding — honouring each person's background, culture, and individual needs. It is only when we foster respect in our daily interactions, we build a caring community where seniors feel safe, valued, and truly at home.

Take care and thank you for your kind support!

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
~ 1 John 4:7-8*

With gratitude,
Kathy Tam
Chief Executive Officer