





## **Community Family Services of Ontario Received Support through Its Annual Plant-a-Tree Fundraising**

May 27, 2023 (Scarborough) – Community Family Services of Ontario (CFSO) is hosting its seventh "Plant-A-Tree" community fundraising event at Phyllis Rawlinson Park in Richmond Hill on Saturday, May 27, 2023, to fundraise for its ongoing services while helping environmental conservation. With the expertise of partner Toronto Region Conservation Authority, and the hard work of the volunteers as well the generosity of our donors, CFSO successfully planted 180 trees and fundraised over \$35,000.

"We are aiming to provide a sustainable impact for the future generation, through our work in community involvement and environmental protection," said Dr. Anna Victoria Wong, Executive Director of CFSO. "Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors, CFSO is able to provide ongoing services on mental health, poverty, and newcomer settlement services. We are also grateful for the support by the City of Richmond Hill, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and volunteers to make this event happen."

Castro Liu, Ward 3 councillor, City of Richmond Hill attended the event and thanked CFSO's ongoing effort to the local communities. "I am proud to support CFSO's tree planting fundraising event to continue their support in our community, and am grateful for their conservation work for Richmond Hill," Liu said.

"I am appreciative of the effort from CFSO, it creates a harmonious environment in our community," said Ritch Lau, Ward 2 Councillor, City of Markham. "CFSO has been supporting the East Asian population in the GTA throughout the pandemic, the hard work from its team is appreciated."

Teresa Tsui, Vice President of the Board of Directors of CFSO thanked community partners for their support. "The Board is thankful of the support from Simon Chu, the Title Sponsors this year, as well as all our volunteers and doonrs. CFSO will continue to grow to meet the increasing demands of the community. Continuous support from the community is essential to make this happen."

Incorporated in 1988, Community Family Services of Ontario (CFSO) is a non-profit, charitable, accredited, professional family service and newcomer settlement agency with a focus on East-Asian Ontarians. Funded by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, United Way GTA, and the community, CFSO has a goal to improve the overall psychosocial well-being of East-Asian Ontarians and to empower them to contribute to a safe community with harmonious families. CFSO's team of psychotherapists, social workers, gambling counsellors, family therapists, speech-language pathologist, and settlement workers provide psychotherapy, addictions, counselling, settlement, disabilities and special needs services to over 5,000 individuals per year.

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