

Korean Nursing Home Acquisition Task Force Arirang Age-Friendly Community Centre (AAFCC) Our Heart, Our Pride, Our Nursing Home

Save Rose of Sharon Long Term Care (LTC) facility

The Rose of Sharon Nursing Home is the first and only facility of its kind in the Korean-Canadian community. And we need your help to save it.

History: Back in 1993, the Korean Community received an ethnicity based 60-bed long term care (LTC) licence from the Ontario government and in 2010, the community built the Rose of Sharon Nursing project, a 12-storey building near Bathurst St. and St. Clair Ave., comprised of a 60-bed Long Term Care facility along with 90 life-lease senior apartment units.

Problem: However, due to the poor sales of life-lease units and the resulting cash flow problem, the project went into a court appointed receivership soon after its completion in 2011. In the midst of receivership, the Rose of Sharon LTC remained in operation serving Korean seniors by providing Korean speaking staff, Korean food, and linguistically appropriate programs and services; however, the continued "Koreanness" of the 60-bed LTC facility is in jeopardy with the upcoming sale of the nursing home. More importantly, we risk not only losing the government funded beds reserved for our community, but also our reputation and credibility in the main stream community and any chance of being granted new LTC beds in the future. Currently, the Rose of Sharon LTC is the most sought after LTC facility among Korean families and it has a waiting list of 150 Korean seniors.

Opportunity: On May 31, 2017, the Receiver- Deloitte & Touche Inc., was authorized by the court to sell the Rose of Sharon LTC in an open market through a bidding process. The purchase of the Rose of Sharon LTC by Korean Community will ensure that the nursing home will continue to serve Korean seniors while securing continued employment for its 60 Korean staff.

The Team: When the authorization for the sale of Rose of Sharon LTC became public, , a Korean Nursing Home Acquisition Task Force was formed and successfully united the support from most Korean community organizations, Korean churches and other religious groups, including the support of the initial parties who had built the project. The Korean Nursing Home Acquisition Task Force is mainly made up of 1.5 and 2nd generation Korean Canadian community leaders with various professional expertise – legal, finance, accounting, health, asset acquisition and property management.

The Bid: Arirang Age-Friendly Community Centre (AAFCC) has been chosen by the Korean Community leaders as the most fitting organization through which to bid for the purchase of the Rose of Sharon LTC. AAFCC, also known as Arirang Senior Centre, is a charitable not for profit organization formed in 2013 that has senior health care as its mandate and is much lauded for having successfully started an adult day program for frail seniors in partnership with CHATS and MilAl Church.



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The Goal: Our community needs to raise \$3.5 million, about half of the expected purchase price to have a chance in winning the bid. The amount needs to be raised by end of September 2017 to demonstrate the credibility of our bid to the receiver.

Actions Taken: Over the last few months, the task force has been learning about the bid process and meeting with people in the community to create one united voice for the fundraising campaign and the bid preparation. The fundraising campaign has started with appeals to and by community leaders, business leaders and the large churches in the GTA.

Actions Needed: Your generous donations are vital if we are to have any chance at a successful bid. We must keep 60 nursing home beds in the community for our grand-parents and our parents. Let's unite together for our seniors, our families and our community and save the LTC facility. Please donate now and spread the word of the campaign to your family and friends.

Please send your donations to:

Payable To: Korean Nursing Home Fund

Address: 130 Dundas St. E. #205 Mississauga ON L5A 3V8

Online donation: www.aafcc.ca/rose-of-sharon Charitable Registration No: 813245636RR0001

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PS. In the event the Korean community bid is not successful in purchasing the Rose of Sharon LTC, the donations will be returned back to the donors if donation is made by cheque. Cash or online donation will help cover the bid preparation cost and will not be returned to donors in the event of a failed bid. The donors will be issued tax receipts for their donations.