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### **SCHC CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities (SCHC) is excited to celebrate 40 years of building healthy communities.

Join SCHC on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. for this free event, as we explore the history of [Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities](#) through a race filled with fun games and tasks that will lead you to our big 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration located at the [Chinese Cultural Centre for Greater Toronto](#) (5183 Sheppard Ave. East.)

#### **SCHC Mission Statement**

SCHC is dedicated to meeting the diverse, holistic health needs of the communities of Scarborough by addressing the physical, mental, social, financial and environmental aspects of their health. Through the promotion of healthy lifestyles and the delivery of a comprehensive range of culturally competent health and social services, we cultivate vital and connected communities.

#### **Purpose of Event**

During the celebration SCHC CEO, Jeanie Joaquin will address community, partnering organizations, funders and local businesses to thank them for their continued support over the years and dedication to helping build healthy communities in Scarborough.

*“Currently SCHC offers over 30 distinct programs across 11 sites throughout Scarborough. We have a staff team of over 160 and core group of 350 volunteers that deliver our unique range of programs and services. In the last five years, SCHC has added a suite of services including our growing Hospice Palliative Care department, leading Scarborough’s Housing Stabilization Network, partnering with Scarborough Hospital to expand counselling services for victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and continuing to be a leader in providing primary healthcare to newcomers including supporting Syrian Refugees.”*

The first 50 individuals to attend the celebration will receive a free gift bag. In addition the event offers free food, entertainment, and activities at the Chinese Cultural Centre where the celebration will take place. Individuals in attendance will also have the opportunity participate to win raffle prizes, henna and learn about programs and services available at SCHC. Please join local business representatives, community partners, funders, politicians, volunteers and local emergency service providers in celebrating SCHC’s 40 years of community service!

Members of the press interested in attending or finding more information about #SCHC40 can contact Jeanie Joaquin at 416.847.4091 ([jjoaquin@schcontario.ca](mailto:jjoaquin@schcontario.ca)) or Debbie Lee at 416.847.4152 ([dlee@schcontario.ca](mailto:dlee@schcontario.ca)).