

STOUFFVILLE BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

Entrepreneur transformed clinic

BY JACKSON HAYES

Ethics and honesty are principles that have helped physiotherapist Andy Yuen win the 2007 Stouffville Business Award for entrepreneur of the year.

As the head of the Stouffville Physiotherapy Clinic for the past two years, Mr. Yuen has turned what he describes as a once outdated and stalled business into a growing operation.

A native of Hong Kong, Mr. Yuen, 33, came to Canada in 1984. After completing a science degree at the University of Toronto, he returned to the same school to earn his degree in physical therapy and graduated in 1997.

"Stouffville is a very good town for business because the people here are very understanding," said Mr. Yuen.

"I live in North York, but I think Stouffville is a good area to practise because the people are ethical and honest."

And it is those two values that Mr. Yuen said are the cornerstone of how he runs his business.

Though the Stouffville clinic has been open since 1970, Mr. Yuen said when he took it over in 2005, the business was archaic and stale.

He has been renovating, updating and expanding the Sandiford Drive clinic, including installing new equipment and creating four divisions within the operation.

In addition to the clinic, which runs

an out-patient program servicing OHIP, WSIB, pediatrics and motor vehicle accident patients, Mr. Yuen has offices in 15 nursing homes in Huntsville and the Toronto and Ottawa areas.

Mr. Yuen and the clinic also accommodate neurology and musculoskeletal patients from Markham Stouffville Hospital and act as teaching facilities for the physiotherapy program at the University of Toronto.

According to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce, which presented the awards, the business entrepreneur of the year is someone who "best personifies hard work, dedication and achievement".



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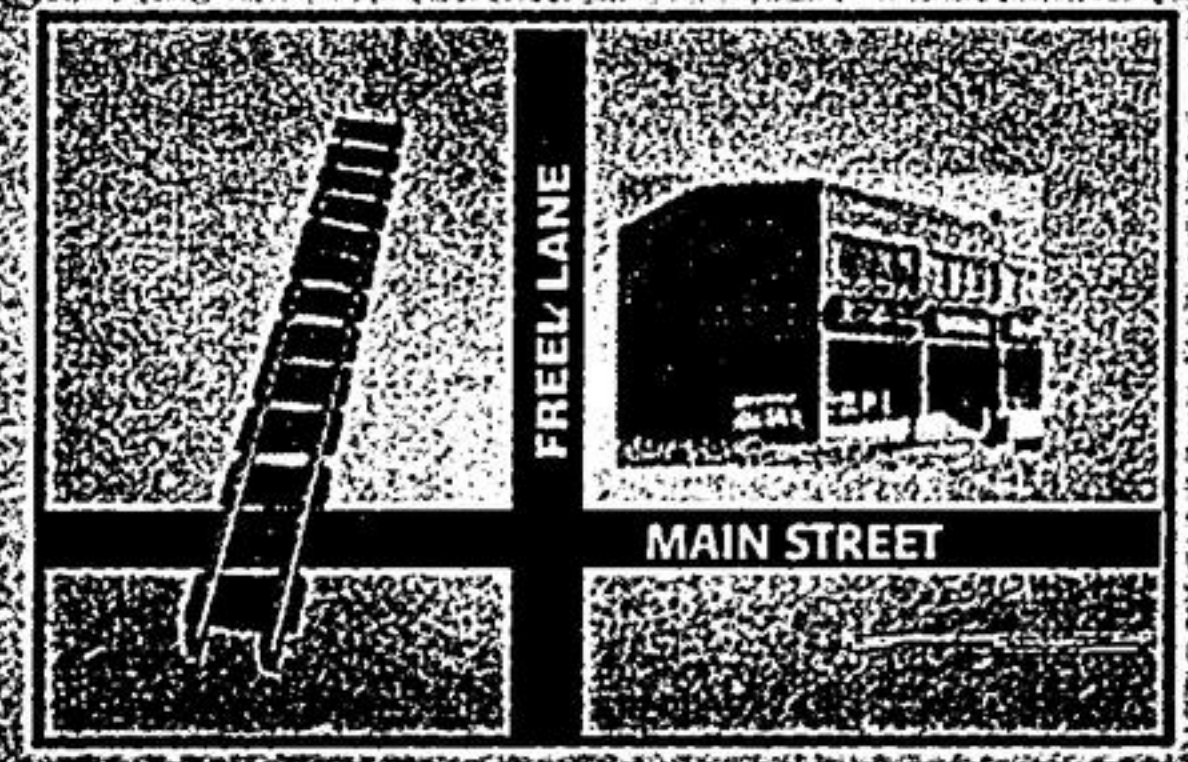
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