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## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE: A SHOWCASE OF APPLIED RESEARCH**

(Thunder Bay, ON. February 14, 2006) On Friday, February 17, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) Research Department is hosting a research conference called "**Making a Difference: A Showcase of Applied Research**".

Dr. Michel Bédard, Director of Research at the Care Group, says " We are pleased to host this conference. It is essential that health professionals seek new knowledge through research such as the projects that will be highlighted at the Showcase. This information can then be integrated into mainstream clinical practice to better serve our clients".

The conference will involve oral and poster presentations. During the Showcase participants will:

1. Learn about research conducted by 60 different researchers;
2. Be exposed to a variety of topics including rehabilitation, palliative care, stroke, mental health and addictions;
3. Have the chance to discuss with others how to incorporate research into clinical practice; and
4. Be provided with the opportunity to develop research partnerships.

Tracy Buckler, President & CEO, SJCG says "This initiative provides a forum for the dissemination of research findings relevant to programs and services offered by SJCG. It will also serve as a springboard for the continued development of research partnerships, an important strategic direction for St. Joseph's Care Group".

St. Joseph's Care Group is an affiliated teaching facility and recognizes the importance of supporting research within the Care Group and the broader community. Cutting-edge research is one of the tools that can be used to provide the best care possible to clients of the Care Group.

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Attachment: Schedule of Events

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