

## **ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP RECEIVES 3-YEAR ACCREDITATION**

(Thunder Bay, ON April 16, 2007) The Board of Directors of the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA) recently announced that St. Joseph's Care Group has been granted accreditation of 3 years. A 3-year accreditation is the highest possible award given by the Council.

Wendy Nicklin, Executive Director of CCHSA, stated, "St. Joseph's Care Group has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality care and service in the community".

The accreditation process assists organizations in examining and improving the quality of service provided to clients. CCHSA's accreditation process is both rigorous and thorough. It consists of a self-assessment, an on-site survey, and follow-up action for improvements. Organizations examine all areas of their service, obtain advice from peers, increase credibility, and involve partners and clients during on-site interviews.

Tracy Buckler, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Care Group, said, "I am extremely proud to see how our teams and programs have evolved over time, as evidenced by this excellent accreditation survey report. Our staff is commended for the client care they provide with compassion and commitment every day".

The next accreditation survey for St. Joseph's Care Group is planned for 2010.

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