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MAKING A DIFFERENCE: 2008 SHOWCASE OF APPLIED RESEARCH

(Thunder Bay, ON. February 15, 2008) On Friday, February 15, 2008, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) Research Department hosted a research conference called "**Making a Difference: 2008 Showcase of Applied Research**".

Dr. Michel Bédard, Director of Research at the Care Group, said "Our experience with the two previous conferences clearly demonstrated the need for a yearly Showcase of Applied Research and we are pleased to formally make this an annual event. Applied health research is extremely vibrant in Northwestern Ontario and we are delighted to provide this opportunity for researchers to disseminate their work".

During the Showcase participants had the opportunity to:

1. View both oral and poster presentations about research conducted by over 70 researchers on a variety of topics including long-term care, rehabilitation, behavioural sciences, community programs, mental health and addictions
2. Discuss with others how to incorporate research into clinical practice
3. Network and develop research partnerships

Tracy Buckler, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Care Group commented "This Showcase provides an ideal forum for the sharing of research findings that are relevant to the clients we serve at St. Joseph's Care Group. It also serves as a 'springboard' for the ongoing development of research partnerships, which is one of our strategic priorities 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 organization 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 SJCG.

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St. Joseph's Care Group is accredited with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation and provides services in complex care, rehabilitation, mental health and addictions, long-term care and supportive housing. As well, community programs are provided at Frank Murphy Community Centre. SJCG has approximately 1700 employees, over 400 volunteers with an annual operating budget of \$115M and is the fifth largest employer in Thunder Bay. To learn more about SJCG, visit the web site at www.sjcg.net.