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SJCG EMPLOYEES PRESENT SPECIAL GIFT TO THE UNITED WAY

(THUNDER BAY, ON, December 6, 2010) On December 6, 2010, representatives from St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) presented a cheque for \$32,286 to the United Way of Thunder Bay. The money was donated by employees through a combination of payroll deduction, cash, cheque and credit card. Thanks to strong employee support, SJCG exceeded their goal of \$27,000.

Over the last eight years, SJCG employees have participated in an Employee Campaign to raise funds for the United Way of Thunder Bay and St. Joseph's Foundation. Over \$215,000 has been raised since this partnership began.

Tracy Buckler, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Care Group, stated "Congratulations to all the staff who helped us surpass our goal once again! Your commitment to building a compassionate and caring community is evident in this total."

One in three families has been assisted each year through programs and services funded by donations to the United Way.

Wayne Fletcher, Chair, 2010 United Way Campaign received the cheque on behalf of the United Way, he said "Our theme this year is '24/7' meaning two things - that unfortunately the needs in our community are always there and that the United Way is a constant presence meeting that need. The United Way is present in the 28 agencies and the 69 programs we fund."

St. Joseph's Care Group is proud to support the United Way in their efforts to help people in Thunder Bay.

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St. Joseph's Care Group is accredited with Accreditation Canada and provides services in Complex Care & Physical Rehabilitation, Mental Health & Addictions, and, Long-Term Care.

St. Joseph's Care Group has approximately 1700 employees and over 400 volunteers. With an annual operating budget over \$125M, SJCG is the fifth largest employer in Thunder Bay. To learn more about SJCG, visit the web site at www.sjcg.net