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ANNUAL MEETING FOR ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP

(THUNDER BAY, ON. JUNE 23, 2004) St. Joseph's Care Group Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 in the Georgian Room at St. Joseph's Heritage.

The Board of Directors approved the following appointment of Officers for 2004-2005:

Dick O'Donnell, Chair	Lil Bergamo, Vice Chair
Carl White, President	Christopher Hacio, Past Chair

In his address to those gathered, Dick O'Donnell, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Care Group, stated "While bricks, mortar, and finances are an important aspect of our service to our clients, the primary reason for the existence of the Care Group remains the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, to which we are all dedicated. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our thanks to the volunteers who are members of the Foundation and the Auxiliary and to all those who give so generously of their time and energy to directly helping our clients. I also thank the staff and Administration for their dedication, loyalty and commitment to St. Joseph's Care Group. Together we continue the work of healing of body, mind and spirit."

Carl White, President, St. Joseph's Care Group, said, " In our community we are well recognized for delivering high quality client focused services. This was supported by a three-year accreditation award, which recognized our staff as making a significant contribution to client care. From the client focus group the following statement is reflective of the dedication of our staff:

"Staff are unanimously commended for their commitment to the client and recognition of individual needs. Their approach to care was described as compassionate, flexible and respectful."

The Care Group includes St. Joseph's Heritage, St. Joseph's Hospital, Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital and Hogarth Riverview Manor and serves the needs of the people in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Kenora-Rainy River. Services are provided in complex care, rehabilitation, addictions, long-term care, supportive housing and mental health. As well, community programs are provided at the Behavioural Sciences Centre, Diabetes Health Thunder Bay and Frank Murphy Community Centre.

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See attached list for Members of the Board of Directors for 2004-2005.

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