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ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP LAUNCHES HEALTH AND SAFETY CALENDAR

(Thunder Bay, ON, December 9, 2004) In May 2004, as part of Health and Safety Week, the Joint Health and Safety Committee held a poster contest, "*Safety at Work*", for the children and grandchildren of employees of St. Joseph's Care Group. Our goal was to raise awareness of health and safety by including the children and giving them a voice in safety at their parents' workplace. As a result, a 15-month health and safety calendar entitled, "**Health and Safety Matters To All of Us**", was produced.

On December 8, 2004, St. Joseph's Care Group launched the calendar at a reception attended by the children and their families. The children were recognized for their submissions of creative art and presented with honorary copies of the calendar.

Doug Demeo, Vice President, Human Resources, stated "We are very proud of this Health & Safety Calendar that features children from 5 to 12 years of age. At St. Joseph's Care Group, safety in the workplace is one of our top priorities. Having the children involved in this project was a great experience. "

The calendar features one poster each month, including a safety related message that corresponds to the wellness/health and safety theme for that month. The calendar not only demonstrates the Care Group's commitment to a safe work environment but recognizes the importance of family.

During December, calendars will be given to St. Joseph's Care Group employees, the Board of Directors, and community partners.

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