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ANNUAL MEETING FOR ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP

(THUNDER BAY, ON. JUNE 22, 2005) St. Joseph's Care Group Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 in the Georgian Room at St. Joseph's Heritage.

The Board of Directors approved the following appointment of Officers for 2005-2006:

Lil Bergamo, Chair
Suzan Labine, Second Vice Chair
Carl White, President

Robert Chambers, First Vice Chair
Dick O'Donnell, Past Chair

In his final address to those gathered, Dick O'Donnell, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG), stated "Thank you to the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario, the Board Members, patients, clients, staff and friends of the Care Group for your support and help during the last two years. It has been a privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. Congratulations to Lil Bergamo as she assumes the responsibility of the Chair. I know that she and her team will lead us well during the transformation of health care in Ontario."

Carl White, President, St. Joseph's Care Group, said, "There continues to be pressure on hospital beds and utilization. Our staff is responding well and we are moving people to other levels of care in the community, clearly a challenging task, or we are assisting clients to return to their own homes if this is appropriate for their care needs. Thank you to our Board, staff and volunteers who continue to support St. Joseph's Care Group and make us a recognized leader in caring for the people of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario."

At the Annual Meeting, the Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Care Group was congratulated on their 110th anniversary. Throughout the years, the Auxiliary has played a significant role in St. Joseph's Mission, to provide compassionate and holistic care and services to the people of Northwestern Ontario. SJCG appreciates all that they do for our clients.

The Care Group includes St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Joseph's Heritage, Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital, Hogarth Riverview Manor, Sister Margaret Smith Centre, Behavioural Sciences Centre, Diabetes Health Thunder Bay and Balmoral Centre and serves the needs of the people in the Districts of Thunder Bay and Kenora-Rainy River. Services are provided 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.

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See attached list for Members of the Board of Directors for 2005-2006.

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