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NEW PRESIDENT & CEO FOR ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP

(Thunder Bay, ON. November 21, 2005) The Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Care Group announces the appointment of Tracy Buckler as President & Chief Executive Officer for St. Joseph's Care Group effective December 1, 2005.

A nation-wide search was conducted to fill this leadership position. Excellent qualified candidates were interviewed by the Selection Committee. Tracy Buckler has been employed by St. Joseph's Care Group for twenty years in a variety of clinical, managerial and administrative positions. For eight months in 2005, Tracy assumed the role of Acting President.

Lil Bergamo, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Care Group, says "The Board is very pleased to welcome Tracy as the new President and CEO. Her strong leadership skills, experience and academic qualifications will lead St. Joseph's Care Group into the future."

Tracy received her Nursing Diploma (RN) from Sault College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in 1985, her post RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) from Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario in 1999, Master of Health Studies – Leadership (MHS) from Athabasca University, Athabasca, Alberta in 2003. Currently, Tracy is completing a Certificate in Catholic Leadership from St. Michael's College – University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. As well, Tracy is a Certified Health Executive (CHE) and a Surveyor with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation (CCHSA).

Tracy Buckler states, "I am honoured to accept the position of President & CEO. St. Joseph's Care Group is one of the largest integrated healthcare systems in Ontario, and I am looking forward to continuing the caring tradition of the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie."

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