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ANNUAL MEETING FOR ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP

(Thunder Bay, ON. June 28, 2006) St. Joseph's Care Group's Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 in the Georgian Room at St. Joseph's Heritage.

The Board of Directors approved the following appointment of Officers for 2006 – 2007:

Lil Bergamo, Chair

Robert Chambers, First Vice Chair

Susan Labine, Second Vice Chair

Tracy Buckler, Secretary Treasurer

Dick O'Donnell, Past Chair

In her address to those gathered, Lil Bergamo, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) stated, "I want to thank the Catholic Health Corporation of Ontario for their service and sponsorship. I also want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Care Group's valued clients, to our dedicated staff, and to our community partners and friends. It is both a privilege and an honour for me to serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Care Group."

Tracy Buckler, President & CEO, SJCG, said, "I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our dedicated staff, volunteers and Board of Directors. Their hard work and endless support are truly the foundation of our mission and assist us to continue our commitment to caring for the people of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario. On a personal note, I would like to express a particular thank you to our Board of Directors for their faith and trust in me as I begin the role of our new President and CEO. It is an honour and privilege to continue to represent this wonderful organization with pride."

The Care Group is a values-driven organization, which believes in treating and caring for all people with respect and dignity.

SJCG has approximately 1700 employees and an annual operating budget of \$115M.

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.

To learn more about SJCG, visit the web site at www.sjcg.net.

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