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## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE: A SHOWCASE OF APPLIED RESEARCH**

(Thunder Bay, ON. February 16, 2007) On Friday, February 16, St. Joseph's Care Group's (SJCG) Research Department hosted a research conference called "**Making a Difference: 2007 Showcase of Applied Research**".

Dr. Michel Bédard, Director of Research at SJCG, said "For the second year in a row, we are pleased to host researchers from a diversity of organizations to present their research findings. This venue provides established and emerging researchers the opportunity to share, learn and network with health care providers, students and the general public regarding health care issues important to the community which St. Joseph's Care Group serves."

The conference involved oral and poster presentations. During the Showcase participants:

1. Heard about research conducted by over 50 researchers on a variety of topics including rehabilitation, public health, mental health and addictions;
2. Had the opportunity to discuss with others how to incorporate research into clinical practice; and
3. Were afforded the opportunity to network and develop research partnerships.

Tracy Buckler, President & CEO, SJCG commented, "This Research Showcase provides a great opportunity for researchers to potentially develop new partnerships for research in the future. Research helps to shape best practice which in turn helps to ensure a high standard of care to the clients we serve. One of the newly launched strategic priorities of the Board of Directors of SJCG focuses on the areas of teaching and research. Initiatives such as this showcase clearly support our organization's commitment to enhancing this priority area."

St. Joseph's Care Group is an affiliated teaching facility and recognizes the importance of supporting research within the organization and the broader community. Cutting-edge research is one of the tools that can be used to provide the best care possible to clients of SJCG.

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