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NEW LOCATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS

(Thunder Bay, ON, March 5, 2007) St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) is pleased to announce the purchase of 710 East Victoria Avenue to be house mental health outpatient programs. The programs relocating include Community Mental Health Services, Consumer Support Services and Community Outreach Services. These programs currently operate within Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital and serve over 850 outpatient clients living in the community.

Lil Bergamo, Chair, Board of Directors, SJCG stated, "The relocation of mental health services into the community is another step forward in mental health reform by providing community-based programs and services."

The purchase of this new location coincides with St. Joseph's Care Group's commitment to best practices in mental health and a recovery-oriented approach to meet the needs of our clients.

Tracy Buckler, President & CEO, SJCG said, "The Victoriaville location is ideal for providing access to services required for daily living. A nearby grocery store, bank, pharmacy, public transportation and parking will assist our clients with integrating into a healthy lifestyle."

Renovations to the building have begun and it is expected that St. Joseph's Health Centre will open in the late summer. We are looking forward to providing mental health services in this central community location.

St. Joseph's Care Group has approximately 1700 employees. SJCG is a recognized leader in the provision of complex care, rehabilitation, long term care, housing programs, mental health, addiction services, behavioural sciences, diabetes health, and community programs that meets the needs of Thunder Bay and region.

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