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ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP RAISES \$28,000 FOR UNITED WAY

(Thunder Bay, ON. December 13, 2007) Today, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) employees presented a cheque to Jules Tupker, Campaign Chair, United Way of Thunder Bay for \$28,000. The money was donated by employees through a combination of payroll deduction, cash, cheque and credit card. Thanks to strong employee support, SJCG exceeded their goal of \$25,000.

Over the last five years, SJCG employees have participated in an Employee Campaign to raise funds for the United Way of Thunder Bay and St. Joseph's Foundation. Over \$120,000 has been raised since this partnership began.

Tracy Buckler, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Care Group, stated "We are very proud to partner with the United Way to raise funds. This impressive total reflects the caring and compassionate nature of our staff and their commitment to reaching and surpassing their goal."

One in three families are assisted each year through programs and services funded by donations to the United Way. The United Way of Thunder Bay helps local families by:

- Supporting mental health, assessment and treatment to troubled children, teens and their families.
- Creating a safe, healthy living environment for women & children who are caught up in domestic violence, bullying & peer harassment.
- Coaching individuals, couples and families to understand their use of money and guide them to financial fitness through credit counseling.
- Fostering the healthy development of young people through individual mentors and safe, supervised activities.
- Feeding people who are hungry.
- Teaching seniors who have lost their sight, hearing or mobility to maintain their independence and live safely.

St. Joseph's Care Group is proud to support the United Way in their efforts to help people in Thunder Bay.

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St. Joseph's Care Group is accredited with the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation and provides services 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. SJCG has approximately 1700 employees, over 400 volunteers with an annual operating budget of \$115M and is the fifth largest employer in Thunder Bay. To learn more about SJCG, visit the web site at www.sjcg.net.