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ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES

(Thunder Bay, ON, February 29, 2008) On Friday, February 29, 2008, St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) recognized long-term service employees and retirees with a celebration at the Da Vinci Centre. The evening consisted of special recognition presentations, dinner, and entertainment provided by the local group, Flamenco Caravan.

Over 141 staff members with 20 or more years of service and 19 retirees were honoured at this special event. Their contribution and ongoing commitment ensures the provision of exceptional and compassionate care and service.

Bob Chambers, Chair, Board of Directors, SJCG stated, "It is truly the people within our organization who make St. Joseph's Care Group special and for this we thank all our employees."

This annual celebration is part of the Employee Recognition Program of St. Joseph's Care Group. SJCG is committed to fostering an environment of recognition and appreciation for all employees.

Tracy Buckler, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Care Group said, "On behalf of the Leadership Team and the Management Team, we offer heartfelt congratulations to each staff member who has achieved a milestone in their career."

Flamenco Caravan presented a musical blend of flamenco, Latin, jazz and blues for the listening enjoyment of St. Joseph's Care Group employees and guests.

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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.