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KINLOCH MANOR PROJECT VISION CONTINUES THROUGH ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP

(Thunder Bay, ON. April 30, 2008) St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) is pleased to welcome the Kinloch Manor Hospice Project to our organization. The Kinloch Manor Hospice vision is a result of a dedicated group of volunteers who dreamed to build the first residential hospice in Thunder Bay. Kinloch Manor's Board of Directors recently transferred this vision to St. Joseph's Care Group.

Madeleine Platana, President, Kinloch Manor Board of Directors, looks to the future positively and says, "We have decided to transfer Kinloch Manor Hospice into the capable and willing hands of St. Joseph's Care Group who have the recognized mandate, infrastructure and expertise in hospice and palliative care." She adds that "With their (SJCG) leadership, it is our hope Kinloch Manor Hospice will become the home for the dying that together we envisioned."

Kinloch Manor has been a working project since December 2004 when a local group of palliative care workers and volunteers met to discuss the possibility of starting a residential hospice for Thunder Bay. Their vision was to establish a residential hospice to provide end-of-life care in a home-like environment for Northwestern Ontario.

Tracy Buckler, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Care Group, says, "SJCG's Strategic Plan identifies our commitment to responding to the unique healthcare needs of specific populations. To this end, we recognize the need to pursue the vision of Kinloch Manor and will work to achieve viability of this project now and into the future."

St. Joseph's Care Group recognizes the dedication of the Kinloch Manor Hospice Board of Directors who have worked tirelessly to institute a residential hospice in our community.

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