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MAKING A DIFFERENCE: 2009 SHOWCASE OF APPLIED HEALTH RESEARCH CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

(Thunder Bay, ON. November 3, 2008) The Research Department at St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) invites applied health researchers to showcase their work at our 4th annual "Making a Difference: 2009 Showcase of Applied Health Research." This event provides a unique forum for researchers to disseminate their work. Moreover, health care providers and students are exposed to cutting-edge research that can be incorporated into clinical practice.

Dr. Michel Bédard, Director of Research at SJCG, says "Researchers need opportunities to showcase their work and St. Joseph's Care Group continues to be a leader in supporting such initiatives. Applied health research is extremely vibrant in northwestern Ontario and hundreds of researchers and clinicians have taken part in our previous three conferences."

The objectives of the 4th annual Research Showcase are:

- To showcase research relevant to the programs and services provided by SJCG;
- To provide a forum for the dissemination of research findings;
- To facilitate research uptake in clinical practice; and
- To foster the opportunity for networking and research partnerships.

All researchers are invited to submit abstracts and we welcome submissions from emerging researchers. The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 12, 2008.

The conference will take place on Friday, February 6, 2009. For more information or to receive a copy of the call for abstracts, please contact Carrie Gibbons, Research Coordinator at 343-4300, ext. 4404 or gibbonsc@tbh.net.

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St. Joseph's Care Group has approximately 1700 employees and over 400 volunteers. With an annual operating budget of \$125M, SJCG is the fifth largest employer in Thunder Bay. To learn more about SJCG, visit the web site at www.sjcg.net