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## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE: 2009 SHOWCASE OF APPLIED HEALTH RESEARCH**

(Thunder Bay, ON. February 6, 2009) St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) hosted a research conference on Friday, February 6, 2009, called "Making a Difference: 2009 Showcase of Applied Health Research".

Dr. Michel Bédard, Director of Research, SJCG, said "The Showcase has become an annual event for St. Joseph's Care Group and we continue to build upon the success of previous years to enhance this opportunity for researchers, health care professionals and students. This year, we were very pleased to have, Dr. Shawn Marshall, a researcher and a specialist in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation from the University of Ottawa as the keynote speaker. He talked about medical conditions and fitness to drive."

During the Showcase participants had an opportunity to:

1. Hear about research conducted by over 80 researchers on a variety of topics including complex care, physical rehabilitation, long-term care, supportive housing, mental health, addictions, community services, behavioural sciences, diabetes health;
2. Discuss with others how to incorporate research into clinical practice; and,
3. Network and develop research partnerships.

Tracy Buckler, President & CEO, SJCG, commented "St. Joseph's Care Group is an affiliated teaching facility and recognizes the importance of supporting research within our organization and the broader community. Research is an important tool we use to first create new knowledge, and then translate it into the best care possible for the clients we serve throughout our organization."

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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](http://www.sjcg.net)*