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ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES

(Thunder Bay, ON, March 31, 2010) March is Employee Recognition Month at St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG). As part of the appreciation program, celebrations were held throughout the month within each program to recognize all employees, and to present gifts to those who reached a career milestone from 5 – 40 years of service in 2009.

On Saturday, March 27, 2009, a dinner dance was held at the Valhalla Inn. This evening of celebration honoured 2009 retirees and staff who have reached a long-term service milestone of 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 or more years of service. The evening included special recognition presentations for retirees, and entertainment provided by Ti Amo a local group of artists.

Bob Chambers, Past 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."

SJCG is committed to fostering an environment of recognition and appreciation for all employees. The contribution and ongoing commitment of all staff ensures the provision of exceptional, compassionate care and service.

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

Additional staff appreciation events are held throughout the year to regularly express our gratitude for the staff's commitment to their work.

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St. Joseph's Care Group is accredited with Accreditation Canada and provides services in complex care, rehabilitation, mental health and addictions, long-term care and supportive housing. Community programs are provided at Frank Murphy Community Centre.

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