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Milestone Celebrations Continue at St. Joseph's Care Group

(Thunder Bay, ON, September 12, 2010) St. Joseph's Care Group held a Dessert Garden Party in the Nick Yankyw Memorial Gardens at St. Joseph's Heritage on September 12, 2010 in celebration of the 115th Anniversary of the Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Care Group and the 100th Anniversary of The Manor House.

The Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Care Group was formed in 1895, approximately 10 years after the Sisters arrived and established the first hospital in Prince Arthur's Landing. A small group of dedicated women came together to support the Sisters in their efforts to care for the sick. They scrubbed, sewed, mended and accompanied Foundress, Mother Monica as she solicited funds in the region to pay for hospital supplies and equipment.

Myrna Letourneau, Chair, Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Care Group says "The amount of money this volunteer group generates is phenomenal! But, it's more than just money. Their hands-on commitment is what makes them especially valuable to our clients and our organization."

This Auxiliary is one of the oldest in Ontario. It has evolved to a mainly fundraising group raising \$527,000 in the last ten years. They continue to carry out their work to support their motto of "Service and Caring".

Susan Tennier, President, Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Care Group, says "Knowing that we help to enhance the emotional well-being of clients has been extremely gratifying. That's what makes doing anything for St. Joseph's Care Group so special! We believe in the philosophy. We see the good!!"

This special celebration also marked the 100th Anniversary of The Manor House. The House was built in 1910 for the Wiley family and is located on the grounds of St. Joseph's Heritage. The Wiley Mansion was purchased by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie in 1939 and renamed "The Manor House" in 2001. The building still looks much the same as it did in the beginning and is one of the oldest historical mansions in Thunder Bay.

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St. Joseph's Care Group is accredited with Accreditation Canada and provides services in Complex Care and Physical Rehabilitation, Mental Health and Addictions, and Long-Term Care.

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