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MAKING A DIFFERENCE: 2011 SHOWCASE OF HEALTH RESEARCH

(Thunder Bay, ON. February 7, 2011) The Research Department at St. Joseph's Care Group (SJCG) hosted a research conference called "Making a Difference: 2011 Showcase of Health Research" on Friday, February 4, 2011 at the Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel.

Dr. Michel Bédard, Director of Research, SJCG, said "The Showcase has become the premier annual venue for the dissemination of research relevant to the health of Northwestern Ontarians. Each year the Showcase has continued to expand; this year there were over 150 registrants who came to learn about the work completed by more than 70 researchers."

During the Showcase participants:

1. Learned about health research relevant to Northwestern Ontarians;
2. Had the occasion to discuss with others how to incorporate research into clinical practice; and
3. Were offered the opportunity to network and develop research partnerships.

Tracy Buckler, President & CEO, SJCG, says "We are honoured to host this conference for the sixth consecutive year. One of the priorities in our strategic plan is to define and foster progressive, innovative teaching and research identities. The Research Showcase provides an ideal forum to share research findings and promote research partnerships in Northwestern Ontario."

St. Joseph's Care Group recognizes the importance of supporting research within the organization and in Northwestern Ontario. To learn more about St. Joseph's Care Group, please visit the website at www.sjcg.net.

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