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## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE: 2008 SHOWCASE OF APPLIED RESEARCH**

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

(Thunder Bay, ON. November 21, 2007) St. Joseph's Care Group's (SJCG) Research Department will be hosting the third annual research conference entitled "Making a Difference: Showcase of Applied Research" and encourages researchers to submit abstracts.

Dr. Michel Bédard, Director of Research at the Care Group, says "It is important to support the dissemination of research findings relevant to the mission of the Care Group. We have had over a hundred researchers present their findings at our previous two conferences. Researchers need opportunities to showcase their work and the Care Group continues to be a leader in supporting such initiatives."

The objectives of the third 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.

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on their research. Submissions are welcome from both emerging and established researchers. The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 14, 2007.

The conference will take place on Friday, February 15, 2008. 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](mailto:gibbonsc@tbh.net).

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