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### **Interface's 4th Annual Hope & Harvest Benefit at Sherwood Country Club to feature live performance that highlights trauma of child abuse**

**CAMARILLO, CA** – Regional business leaders and philanthropic community members will attend a special evening under the stars at Interface's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Hope & Harvest" benefit presented by SAGE Publishing. The event will be held on Saturday, September 16 at Sherwood Country Club from 6:00pm - 11:00pm. Proceeds will support programs that provide healing and protective services to Interface children and families.

Added to this year's Hope & Harvest benefit is an inspirational theatrical performance by local theater troupe Panic! Productions. Attendees will witness child and adult actors giving life to stories of abuse, trauma, and recovery during the dinner program. This unique performance will provide a more intimate understanding of the challenges faced by Interface clients.

Interface delivers comprehensive support to prevent, interrupt and end the cycle of violence within families, provide youth and family strengthening, 2-1-1 information and referral, mental health and justice services throughout Ventura County and adjacent communities. Opening its doors this year is Ventura County's first ever human trafficking shelter. Most of Interface's services are provided free of charge to thousands of children, parents, educators and community members annually. Attendance and support from the community for Hope & Harvest is critical to keep these programs funded and readily available for those in need.

"This is the fourth year of Hope & Harvest and support from the community has been overwhelming," said founding Event Chair, Dina Furash. "One in four women will be a victim of domestic violence in her lifetime. Our committee's goal is to reach a cumulative \$1M in net proceeds this year to help Interface because every child deserves to live in a safe home and no woman should live in fear."

Local philanthropist, businessman and reality TV star of *The Bachelor*, Andrew Firestone will return as emcee for this popular event. Attendees will enjoy a cocktail reception with live music performed by The Teahouse Company's Wine and Roses Band Trio. The traveling art exhibit, *Project Hope*

*"In Honor of Martha Venegas"*, featuring healing art created by domestic violence survivors, their children and advocates will be on display. The event's silent and live auctions, wine pull and raffle provide opportunities for guests to win specialty gifts and one of-a-kind experiences.

"As a parent, I am proud to have SAGE Publishing be a presenting sponsor this year because of Interface's dedication to keeping kids safe and families whole," said Blaise Simqu, President and CEO of SAGE Publishing. "Hopefully our decision will inspire other corporate leaders and community members to take notice of the importance of supporting Interface."

This event is made possible by the generous support of SAGE Publishing, Amerihome Mortgage, Banc of California, Clay Lacy Aviation, Ron & Judi Polito, Mint, Lexus of Thousand Oaks, Land Rover Thousand Oaks, Ellie Mae, PwC, Impact Housing REIT, RJ O'Brien, Rabobank, AJA Vineyards, Montecito Bank & Trust, EverBank, JP Morgan, Abbott Downing, Capsilon, JLL, Bill & Elise Kearney, Lisa Queen Design, Ventura Rental Center, Wells Fargo Advisors Trevisan Bearce Group, Western Alliance Bank, Community Memorial Health System, CPI Solutions, Indecomm Global Services, Ari Lash, Amanda Lewis, Mission Produce, MountainView Financial Solutions, Gary Timmerman and Steve & Natalie Wagner.

Tickets are \$300, tables are \$3,000 and sponsorships are still available. For reservations or for more information, visit [www.icfs.org](http://www.icfs.org) or contact Katie Tuttle at 805-485-6114, ext. 683 or [ktuttle@icfs.org](mailto:ktuttle@icfs.org).

### **About Interface Children & Family Services**

Interface Children & Family Services is Ventura County and surrounding community's most comprehensive non-profit human services safety net. Founded in 1973, Interface works to prevent and heal the effects of child abuse, neglect and abandonment; domestic violence; family conflict and mental health issues. We have 24 distinct programs representing five core service areas, including youth and family strengthening services, mental health, family violence intervention, justice services, and 2-1-1 information and referral.

Serving approximately 35,000 local individuals annually, plus assisting 150,000 people across the state in need through the 2-1-1 Helpline, Interface offers effective solutions to the urgent needs of families and individuals in crisis. This important work is sustained through donations and grants from individuals and organizations, as well as by the work of dedicated volunteers and staff. For more information please contact Interface Children & Family Services at 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Suite I, Camarillo, CA 93012 by telephone at 805.485.6114 or visit [www.icfs.org](http://www.icfs.org).