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### **Interface's 4th Annual Hope & Harvest Benefit wows guests with powerful performance & achieved record-setting fundraising for victims of domestic violence**

**THOUSAND OAKS, CA** – Saturday night at Sherwood Country Club, 300 guests at Interface's 4th Annual Hope & Harvest presented by SAGE Publications witnessed stories of hurt, healing and hope produced by local community theatre group, Panic! Productions.

The live dinner performance brilliantly written and executed by artist, Elijah Malcomb, was the biggest surprise among many highlights, including the return of Andrew Firestone, to surpass one million in net proceeds raised in only four years.

Dina Furash, chair of Interface's board of directors and founding event chair, responded to the call from members of Interface's east county regional advisory board to add surprise elements and an unparalleled guest experience for sponsors and attendees. "Our dedicated volunteers have extremely high expectations and we surpassed them this year. I was so proud to see our very generous and compassionate community come together to support our most vulnerable. Preventing domestic violence and child abuse, keeping families together and youth in our community safe, off the streets and out of the foster care system are Interface's highest fundraising priorities. Without this event and other fundraising efforts, vital life changing and safety net programs would not exist."

Another new addition to the event was an after-party sponsored by Mint SIM by Ultra during which Elijah Malcomb reappeared to sing a show stopping rendition of John Legend's Ordinary People accompanied by Big City Sing-Along pianists' Kevin Krohn and Vince Orlandi.

In addition to this year's presenting sponsor, SAGE publications, Hope & Harvest's platinum sponsors included Amerihome Mortgage, Banc of California, Clay Lacy Aviation and Ron and Judi Polito. Other major sponsors included EllieMae, Impact Housing, PwC, Land Rover / Lexus of Thousand Oaks, Mint SIM by Ultra, RJ O'Brian, Rabobank, EverBank, Montecito Bank & Trust, JP Morgan and Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Gold sponsors were Abbott Downing, Capsilon, JLL, Bill and Elise Kearney, Merrill Lynch Bank of America Corporation, United Agencies Inc., Western

Alliance, Gary West Productions and Ventura Rental Party Center. Community sponsors were Amanda and Danny Lewis, Ari Lash, Community Memorial Health System, CPI Solutions, DocuProducts, Gary Timmerman, Fazio Cleaners, Indecomm Global Services, Kneady Bakery, Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, Sherwin & Lee, Mission Produce, MountainView Financial Solutions, Ralph and Camerina Campillo and Steve and Natalie Wagner.

Lisa Queen Designs and MJN Design Studio donated their services to create an unforgettable evening setting, Aja Wines provided their award-winning wine for this event with a menu featuring locally farmed produce.

The evening's live performance was produced by Panic! Productions and directed by Ginny Grady who invited ten child actors to volunteer their time to help the audience better understand the trauma experienced by Interface clients seeking help and safe shelter. Thank you to: Roxanne Chevalier, Natalie Esposito, Jesse Fulton, Alex Gabriel, Calista Loter, Zoë Reed, Marcello Silva, Ashley Kiele Thomas, Taylor Lynda Thomas, Jessica Wallace and production crew members, Travis Gibson, Reggie Reed & Studio C, In-the-Mix, Sam Kriser, Sofia Lyon, Cyrus Moretti, and Dominick Riches.

### **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 six core service areas, including mental health and trauma treatment, domestic violence and child abuse prevention, youth crisis intervention, human trafficking and justice services.

Serving approximately 35,000 local individuals annually, plus assisting 150,000 callers to the 2-1-1 Helpline across the state, 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).