

---

## **Sue Johanson – First Speaker at Interim Place’s Her Life, Her Words, Luncheon Series 2008.**

**Mississauga** – Interim Place will be hosting its annual women’s Luncheon Speaker Series, **Her Life, Her Words** on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at the Mississauga Convention Centre, 75 Derry Street West, Mississauga. The first of this year’s inspirational Canadian women speakers is Sue Johanson, Canada’s foremost sex educator, a media personality, writer and columnist. This is Interim Place’s signature event for the year and proceeds from the luncheon will go towards funding the important programs that help women and their children break the cycle of abuse and violence.

Says Cindy Cowan, Executive Director of Interim Place, “We are really excited about the line-up of speakers we have this year. Sue Johanson is internationally recognized and known for the groundbreaking work in promoting sexual health and education, which is an issue of particular importance for women and girls.

Says Antoinette Antoine, a volunteer Board Member and former child resident of Interim Place’s emergency shelter, “Abuse is a local and global issue for women and our mission at Interim Place is to work towards the elimination of violence. Our programs are designed to help women and their children who have had their lives turned up-side-down. We provide the women who come to us with the means to start new lives and it’s vitally important that we raise the funds to do so. **Her Life, Her Words** is a great way to raise awareness of the issues that Interim Place has to deal with on a daily basis but our speakers also educate, inspire and entertain”.

Sue Johanson is a well-known Canadian media personality and sex educator who continues to make presentations to University and college students every year. For over 30 years, she challenged generations with frank and honest discussions about sex education through lectures, radio and television in Canada and the U.S. Her healthy sense of humour has made her popular with all age groups. She recently retired from her educational sex show on the Oxygen Network called “Talk Sex with Sue Johanson” which was produced especially for American audiences. The show appears in Israel, Brazil and 20 other European countries in 5 languages. In 2001, Ms. Johanson was awarded the Order of Canada for lifetime achievement.

For over 25 years, Interim Place has been providing support services for women in the Peel region, from all communities, who face domestic violence and abuse. Interim Place operates two emergency shelters and provides shelter, support, counselling and advocacy to help women and their children break from the cycle of abuse.

**Her Life, Her Words** is the signature fundraising event hosted by Interim Place. It’s a Women’s Luncheon Speaker Series and for 2008, features Sue Johanson, Janet Kestin, Chief Creative Officer at Ogilvy and Mather and Juno Award winner Susan Aglukark, Singer/songwriter. Former speakers include: Gloria Steinem, Margaret Trudeau, Erin Brockovich, Mayor Hazel McCallion, Margot Kidder, Cathy Jones, Hayley Wickenheiser, Kim Phuc, Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Sharon Wood. There have been 17 lunches and over 900 attendees since its inception in 2003.