

2007 Conference Keynote Speakers

Monday October 1st, 2007

Opening Ceremonies

Terry Evanshen
The Man Who Lost Himself

He was one of the greats. Member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, twice voted outstanding Canadian in the CFL, Grey Cup champion. And then, on July 4, 1988, in a single second Terry Evanshen nearly lost it all. The victim of a devastating car accident, Terry was so critically injured and so near death that a priest administered the last rites. In a coma for almost a month, when he finally did wake up, the news was devastating...he had lost his memory. With 44 years erased in an instant, he was without a past and his future looked bleak. The comeback trail has been slow and has met its share of setbacks, a veritable rollercoaster ride of highs and lows. But with the support of his family, Terry has managed to rebuild his shattered life.

Terry's life has been made the subject of a bestselling book, *The Man Who Lost Himself: The Terry Evanshen Story*, written by June Callwood, and a CTV Original Movie starring JAG's David James Elliott and four-time Gemini Award winner Wendy Crewson.

Terry Evanshen inspires you to look at your own life in a way you have never done before. He gives a moving account of how he re-establishes his identity every day by rebuilding his confidence and purpose one step at a time. He shows you the never-ending power of the human mind to overcome obstacles. He shows you the incredible perseverance of the human spirit.



Special Guest Appearances and Notes from:



Alok Mukergee
Chair, Toronto Police Services Board



Bill Blair
Toronto Police Chief



Jay Hope
Ontario Commissioner of
Community Safety



Tom Beegan
Chief Prevention Officer, WSIB

Luncheon Keynote (1:30PM-2:30PM)

**Heather Dahmer
Threads of Life**

From Tragedy to Prevention

Have you ever wondered how your family would cope with a workplace tragedy? No one wants to imagine these circumstances but Heather Dahmer, a volunteer speaker of the new Threads of Life Speakers Bureau series "The Face of Workplace Tragedy", is now facing this challenge. As part of Heather's commitment to raise awareness on the importance of healthy and safe workplaces, she will share her insights and lessons learned when the unthinkable happens.

Tuesday October 2nd, 2007

Luncheon Keynote (12:30PM-1:00PM)

The Honourable Steven W. Mahoney., P.C., Chair, WSIB

Since his appointment as Chair of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board in May of 2006, The Honourable Steven Mahoney has been traveling across Ontario championing the philosophy that: "there really are no accidents in Ontario's workplaces." Steve is passionately committed to the goal of eliminating all workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities in our communities.

First elected to public office in 1978 as a City and Regional Councilor in Mississauga, Steve Mahoney left local politics in 1987 to represent his community as an MPP in the Ontario Legislature. During his tenure at Queen's Park, Steve served as the Chief Liberal Whip. In June of 1997, Steve was elected as a Liberal Member of Parliament and in April 2003, he was appointed to the Federal Cabinet as Secretary of State for Crown Corporations. As Minister, Steve administered Canada's multi-billion dollar affordable housing program and his commitment and dedication to this portfolio earned him an international reputation as a champion of affordable housing.

In 2004, Steve returned to the firm of Mahoney International; a private consultancy specializing in the marketing of new products and concepts, and guiding entrepreneurs in developing effective business strategies. For more than a decade, Mahoney International has worked with both public and private sector clients in Canada, the United States and abroad.

Steve has contributed his energy and expertise to several significant community initiatives including the development of a major public garden park in Mississauga, a successful annual children's art festival, and the Hospice of Peel - an organization assisting people deal with end of life issues. He and his wife, Katie, a City and Regional Councilor in Mississauga, continue to be active supporters of Community Living Mississauga, serving handicapped children, and Interim Place, supporting women and children affected by domestic violence.

Steven and Katie have been married for 37 years and have 3 sons, Aaron, Matthew and Christopher and 4 grandchildren.



