



Newsletter



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What's new...

A special Thank You to Astra Zeneca, Barclays Bank, Christ Church, Flower Market and Gilliam Foundation for their recent grants to the programs at SOAR.

Child Victims Act passes the Delaware Senate and the House!

Thank you to our state legislators who unanimously passed SB 29, the Child Victims Act which will remove the statute of limitations on civil proceedings against sex offenders in the future.

SOAR'S PRISON BASED SERVICES WIN HONORS

SOAR's Clinical Director, Dr. Stephen DiJulio, will receive the Service Providers Award on behalf of the Commissioner, the Department of Correction and the Council of Correction. This award is in recognition of the work Steve and other SOAR staff have done with women at the Work Release Center at Crest North for Women and

Baylor Correctional Institution. The SOAR treatment program for incarcerated women is funded in full through the generosity of the Crittenton Foundation, Inc. SOAR has collaborated with the Department of Corrections and Civigenics, a prison based drug and alcohol counseling program, for the last 5 years. and has

provided treatment for hundreds of incarcerated women who have been victims of sexual abuse. On September 20, 2007 SOAR staff also proudly accepted a Certificate of Appreciation "for providing and facilitating individual and group counseling" at the Recovery Day celebration at Crest North's Center for Women.



SOAR 007 CASINO ROYALE

222 patrons gathered at the Blue Ball Barn Museum for the opportunity to "Out Bond Bond" and try their luck against fourteen celebrity dealers from the community.



Christiana Care CEO Dr Laskowski Deals the Cards

WDEL's Rick Jensen was MC for an evening of fun and games that included prizes such as a trip to London for two and the opportunity to drive an Aston Martin for a weekend.

Many thanks to our wonderful celebrity dealers who volunteered their time to help raise awareness and funding for the 1,000 survivors of sexual abuse who come to SOAR for treatment each year. This year's Celebrity Dealers were: Kelly Firment, Senior VP Bank of America; Steve Fowle, CFO WSFS Bank; Deb Grubbe, Vice President BP Plc.; Carl Doubet Hendry, Carl Doubet Jr. Jewelers; Rick Jensen, WDEL; Kapt'n Ken WJBR; Tom Kerr, Regional Director Avon; Rita Landgraf, State President AARP and one of the founders of SOAR; Robert Laskowski M.D., President and CEO Christiana Care Health System; Jim Porter, Chief Engineer and Vice President DuPont; Jaime Rivera M.D., Director Division of Public Health; Ron Robine, Managing Director Barclays Bank; Dian Taylor, President, CEO and Board Chair Artesian Water Company; Tom Wagner, Delaware State Auditor.

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SOAR's mission is to provide professional psychotherapy services to child, adolescent and adult survivors of sexual abuse and their loved ones regardless of ability to pay.

A leader in the state of Delaware, SOAR also provides training and education, advocacy, and coordination of services.

NEW GROUP THERAPY FOR ADULTS

Starting November 1 SOAR will be offering a new Phase 4 for adults having already completed the first 3 phases of the group therapy program. Ph.D. candidate Dianna Palimere will launch her dissertation project in human sexuality by offering a 12 week group focusing on improved sexual functioning for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The group should help survivors gain a feeling of control and freedom in their body. It will educate participants on the basics of sexual anatomy and physiology. And it will address the feelings of shame attached to sexuality for survivors amongst other things. All involved are very excited to have this essential element added to our program.



SOAR Therapist Rosa Fernandez hosts the SOAR booth at the Hispanic Festival in Sussex County.

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SOAR OUTREACH

SOAR Executive Director Valerie Marek with Comcast Newsmakers host Linda Kurtz. SOAR was featured on Comcast Newsmakers in September.

