



# Newsletter



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## What's new...

A special Thank You to the Ammon Family Foundation, Avon Products Inc, Barclays Bank, Chichester DuPont Foundation Inc., Crittenton Foundation, Good Samaritan Inc., and Female Benevolent Society for their recent grants to the programs at SOAR.

Welcome to new Board Members Sue Bowlby, President Corexcel, Valorie Mack, News Director WJBR, and Scott Carter, Barclays.

## SOAR REACHES OUT TO LATINO POPULATION

Sexual abuse occurs in families of all economic and ethnic backgrounds. Victims from the Latino community present an added challenge



for SOAR because of the language barrier. For the last 3 years

SOAR has provided services to Spanish speaking victims in Sussex County thanks to Violence Against Women Act funding granted to us through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council . SOAR's Strategic plan has been to start a similar initiative in New Castle County. In 2006 SOAR had the fortune of finding Carmen Rivera, who came to us as a graduate Social Work intern

from West Chester University. After graduating with her Masters, Carmen plans to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Registered Play Therapist so that she can treat New Castle County's Latino victims of sexual abuse. We are thrilled that Carmen has chosen to work with us and we look forward to providing treatment to New Castle County's Hispanic population.

## 1-877-END-HARM

During National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April look for our new public awareness piece on Comcast cablevision. SOAR has been working on a special project in partnership with the Delaware Children's Department, Jewish Family Services, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware and others. More than 700 television spots will run with two different clips highlighting some little known statistics about child sexual abuse. The television spots will refer viewers to a new toll free Delaware Child Sexual Abuse Helpline: 1-877-END-HARM. Information about signs and symptoms as well as important telephone numbers for intervention resources and recovery services are offered.



## SUPPORT THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT

April 4,2007 marked a small victory for sexual abuse victims in Delaware. This was the day the State Senate unanimously voted in favor of the Child Victims Act. The bill, authored by state senator Karen

Peterson, eliminates the civil statute of limitations for sexual abuse of children. Under current Delaware law sexual abuse victims have two years to bring

their perpetrator to court for The Child Victims Act to a civil remedy. Since children become law, it must now pass are rarely able to advocate the State House. Contact your for themselves, many State Representative and perpetrators remain encourage his/her support of unaccountable. In order for The Child Victims Act.

## \$ 4,700 raised in mailing list challenge

**Thank you! Thank you!** to the 940 individuals who signed the SOAR mailing list in 2006 as part of the mailing list challenge. An anonymous donor, has given SOAR \$5 for every name we added to the list. The \$4,700 challenge donation will be used to treat some of the 1,000 victims of sexual abuse who seek our help annually. A special thank you for those individuals, groups and businesses who actively helped us recruit names for our mailing list.

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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.

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### DON'T MISS SOAR'S 2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER...

Join us for an evening of excitement, fun and adventure!

Be one of the first to see the newly open Blue Ball Barn.

Cheer on your favorite Celebrity Dealers as you try your luck in our Casino Royale!

Take your chances and win some extreme prizes.....

A trip for two to London, Drive an Aston Martin for a weekend, Swim with the Sharks and many, many more.



**For information about purchasing tickets, Casino Royale sponsorship opportunities, becoming a Casino Royale volunteer or donating a silent auction item...call Kay Preston 302-521-3574**