



# Newsletter



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### What's new...

- A Special Thank You to Christ Church, Gilliam Foundation, Fund For Women, The Laffey- McHugh Foundation and Wilmington Flower Market for their recent grants to the programs at SOAR.
- Welcome to Board Members Stephen Brodt, Manager at DuPont and Marie Pinizzotto MD, Senior Director at Endo Pharmaceuticals.
- Look for parent groups and couples groups coming this fall

## CARIBBEAN CASINO NIGHT AT OBEROD

On April 29th, 200 attendees gathered for a night of Calypso music, Caribbean food, fun and casino games. Patrons cheered on Senator Carper and 12 other local celebrity dealers who donated their time to help raise funds on behalf of the clients of SOAR. MC for the evening was WDEL's Rick Jensen. Other celebrity dealers

included Jerry Capone Esq., Commissioner Matt Denn, Deborah Grubbe (BP), Andrew Kenner (Valero), Rhonda Ketcham (Christiana Care), Rita Landgraf, Valorie Mack (WJBR), Charles Oberly III Esq., Ron Robine (Barclays), John Taylor (Delaware Chamber) and Peter Whatnell (Sunoco). Many thanks to the 43 event sponsors

and the volunteers from Barclays, Astra Zeneca and the community.



US Senator Tom Carper deals the cards

## QUEENZY LUV..MUSIC FROM THE SOUL



As a survivor of repeated childhood sexual abuse, QueenZy Luv was living life in a daze. At her lowest point she contemplated suicide. Her desire to get healthy for her son was one reason that eventually led her to SOAR. "Through the programs at SOAR I learned to love me, let go of the shame, and enjoy life." She credits SOAR with enabling her to "join life" which in turn inspired the music for her first CD, *Prelude to Melodic Queendom*. QueenZy Luv has performed at venues in New York, Philadelphia and Wilmington. To learn more about QueenZy Luv visit her website at [www.queenzyluv.com](http://www.queenzyluv.com).

## PLAY THERAPY

Of those clients who entered SOAR's treatment programs in 2005, 56% were children, with 37% under the age of 12. *Play therapy* is an important tool used in treatment with young children who have suffered the affects of sexual trauma.

SOAR therapist Susan Woodward, recently completed post graduate training in Play Therapy adding another credential to SOAR's very impressive list of qualifications held by our 32 affiliated therapists.

According to Susan, becoming a Registered Play Therapist was a natural next step towards communicating best with her young clients because "play is the language of kids". Susan works with children ages 3 and up who have been affected by sexual abuse.

SOAR currently has one fully equipped play therapy space. Thanks to the generosity of the Female Benevolent Society, SOAR will be able to furnish a second play therapy space in the Wilmington office in the coming months.



Sand Tray and Miniatures used in Play Therapy



Susan Woodward, LCSW, RPT

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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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## SOAR OPENS SECOND SUSSEX COUNTY SITE

SOAR will soon be opening a second office in Eastern Sussex County through a Victims of Crime Act sub-grant. Having recently completed her internship with SOAR in New Castle County, Karen Barwick, MS will be heading up this project which will bring recovery services to victims who are uninsured or unable to afford the cost of treatment in Sussex County. SOAR's existing office space can be found in the Community Service Building on Bedford St. in Georgetown. Victims wishing to schedule an appointment at either site can contact SOAR at (302) 422-3811.

## BEAR CARE

The Women of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington and Build-a-Bear teamed up to build teddy bears for child victims of sexual assault who are receiving treatment at SOAR.

