



Newsletter



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Wilmington Flower Market for
recent grants to SOAR
programs.

Event Committee members,
**Beth Carter, Valorie Mack,
Damon Morris, Maria Taylor,
Helen Whatnell, and Louise
Whitehead** and also event
volunteers, from **Barclays
Bank** and the **friends of Beth
Carter.**

CHILD & PARENT GROUP THERAPY PILOT PROGRAM

This September SOAR plans to pilot a unique child and parent group therapy program. Both groups will be held weekly for 8 weeks and will be run simultaneously out of space donated by Concord Presbyterian Church. This will be the first time SOAR has offered group therapy for children ages 5-11. The children's group will be comprised of 8-10 children already in SOAR treatment programs. The

goals of the group are to reinforce to the children that they are not alone, to help them understand that they are not to blame and to provide education to protect them against future abuse. The group will use play therapy designed for young children. SOAR recognizes that parents are secondary victims of their child's abuse. The parents' group will be comprised of the parents of these children. The group will help parents

understand the affects of abuse on themselves and the family, will help them grieve their losses and will educate them on protection against future abuses for themselves and their children.

*Did you know?
You can designate SOAR as the recipient of your United Way contribution by writing in our name and address:
**Survivors of Abuse in Recovery
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LUCK OF THE DRAW WILD WEST CASINO FUNDRAISER

April 26th, 254 patrons traveled back in time to test their "luck of the draw" against 15 community leaders who volunteered their time as Celebrity Dealers at SOAR's Wild West Casino fundraiser. **Brian Wells** of Starliters Dance Studio generously donated his talents and provided instruction so that interested patrons could kick up their heels for a boot scootin' good time. Other activities included buffet dinner, silent auction, caricature artists and the opportunity to try a "Snake Bite", the signature drink. Corporate sponsors included:

Bank of America, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware, Christiana Care Health System, Concord Pike Liquors, Delmarva Power, DuPont, Moro Restaurant, Wilmington Trust, and WSFS Bank.

Many thanks to our wonderful Celebrity Dealers: **Sammy Congo**, President Congo Funeral Homes and Partner Petrucon; **Senator Charles Copeland**, State Senator; **Joe Farley**, Director Government Affairs, Delmarva Power; **Michael Goldberg**, Indulgence Jewelers; **Deb Grubbe**, VP Group Safety & IH, BP Plc.; **Rick Jensen**, "The Rick Jensen Show" WDEL; **Tom Karinshak**, Managing Director Customer Care and Bank Operations, Barclays Bank Delaware; **Andrew Kenner**, Plant Manager Valero Delaware City Refinery; **Linda Kurtz**, Comcast Newsmakers and Miss Delaware 2004; **Rita Landgraf**, President AARP Delaware and one of the Founders of SOAR; **Robert Laskowski MD**, President and CEO Christiana Care Health System; **Rita Meek MD**, Medical Director AI DuPont Children's Hospital; **Jim Porter** Chief Engineer, VP Engineering and Operations, DuPont; **John Taylor** Executive Director Public Policy Institute, Delaware Chamber of Commerce; **Don Wirth**, Vice President Operations Agriculture and Nutrition, DuPont.



Dr. DiJulio, Clinical Director SOAR,
Rita Landgraf, Celebrity Dealer,
Steve Brodt, Board President SOAR

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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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15 YEARS

1992 – With \$17,500 in seed money from the Attorney General's office, SOAR is established as the only organization in Delaware dedicated to the professional mental health treatment of victims of sexual abuse. Out of a rented office in Wilmington, SOAR offers its first program, group therapy for adult survivors of sexual abuse.

2007 – SOAR serves more than 1,500 victims of sexual abuse out of four office locations (Wilmington, Dover, Georgetown and Lewes) and two outreach programs. SOAR's 35 clinicians provide individual, family and group therapy to child, adolescent and adult victims of sexual abuse. SOAR remains the only organization in Delaware dedicated to the professional mental health treatment of victims of sexual abuse .



This quilt ,which now hangs at SOAR, was donated and hand-crafted by **Barbara Keller** using hand prints from the children in SOAR's program. **Patricia Hurd** bought it at the silent auction and donated it back to SOAR.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

SOAR welcomes new Board Members **Sheryl Alford, Jane Bradd, Rick Jensen** and **Patricia Uhlenbrock**. **Diana Maxmin** has moved from the Advisory Board to a more active role on the Board. Much appreciation to **Erica Finnegan, Lynda Burman** and **Catherine Strickler** who rotate off after serving terms as board members.