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14th Annual Gala
The Key to Hope
Friday, October 15, 2010



Deirdre's House is *the* Center in Morris County for child victims of abuse and/or neglect and children who have witnessed domestic violence. Established in 1994, Deirdre's House, a nationally accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC), is the *only* site in Morris County where a child victim can be interviewed and digitally recorded by law enforcement, medically examined and treated by a pediatric abuse specialist, prepared for trial, and clinically counseled in English or Spanish – all under one roof.

2010 Gala Honorary Chairperson

Nancy Miller-Rich, President of the Board of Trustees, Chairperson of the Deirdre's House Corporate Council
Group Vice-President, New Ventures & Strategic Commercial Development, Merck

Nancy has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Deirdre's House and the Chairperson of the Deirdre's House Corporate Council since 2006. At Merck, Nancy leads the Consumer Division's initiatives in obtaining new products and technologies via licensing and acquisitions. She has completed hundreds of transactions for Merck Consumer Care. She leads the consumer division's search and evaluate functions, negotiation, commercial development, alliance management and commercial efforts for new products and technologies with an emphasis on Rx-to-OTC switch opportunities. In this capacity Nancy's focus is to strategically add new products to the Merck portfolio, extend the reach and presence of existing products and prolong the viability of prescription drugs after patent expiration. She is the founder of the Deirdre's House Corporate Council which is the primary funder of the Center's medical program.

2010 Connie Strand Award for Excellence in Child Advocacy

Melanie Smith, Esq.

Supervising Assistant Prosecutor Melanie Smith, Esq. has been with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office since 1997. She obtained her Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University Law School, Newark, New Jersey in 1996. While an Assistant Prosecutor she has been assigned to the Juvenile Unit, Trial Team, Sex Crimes/Child Endangerment Unit and Special Enforcement/Narcotics Unit. After having served in the Sex Crimes Child Abuse Unit as an Assistant Prosecutor for nearly six years, in March of 2006, she became the Supervising Assistant Prosecutor of the Unit. The Unit is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all adult sexual assaults and all child sexual and physical assault crimes committed within Morris County. For the past decade she has spent the majority of her career serving the victims of sexual assault and prosecuting those defendants who prey upon the children of Morris County.

*Please Join Us
For The
Fourteenth Annual Gala Celebration To Benefit*

DEIRDRE'S HOUSE *(The Deirdre O'Brien Child Advocacy Center)*

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2010 Connie Strand Award Recipient for Excellence in Child Advocacy

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Friday, October 15, 2010
Spring Brook Country Club
9 Spring Brook Road, Morristown, NJ 07960

Silent Auction and Cocktails to begin at 6:30pm

Kindly RSVP by: October 8, 2010

If you would like to donate goods and/or services to the silent auction please call 973-631-5000 or email maria@dobcac.org