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20th YEAR FOR "PLAY IT SAFE" BEGINS WITH BIG BUCKS **AT ITALIAN FEAST FUNDRAISER**

The Ocean City Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Committee sponsored its annual "Italian Feast Buffet" on Monday, October 13, 2008 at Hall's Restaurant. The fundraiser, which benefits *Play It Safe*, had an estimated turn out of nearly 275 people and raised approximately \$10,000.

Nearly \$6,000 of the donations came from admission costs and silent action donations. The Ocean City Parrot Head Club donated an overwhelming \$3,185, bringing the total amount raised to \$9,661.

Play It Safe will be celebrating its 20th year in Ocean City in 2009. "It is such an amazing accomplishment to have a program that is so successful after 20 years," commented Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette A. DiPino. "*Play It Safe* has not only become a program that has been embraced by high school seniors, but it is a program that has been supported by the entire Ocean City community. For nearly 20 years, Ocean City residents, business owners, employees and volunteers have pulled together to help make our community safe for high school seniors, which is why *Play It Safe* has been so successful and which is why Ocean City is so special."

Play It Safe began in 1989 as a program for the latest high school graduates. *Play It Safe* joins several Town of Ocean City departments, as well as local businesses and organizations, to encourage "senior-weeker's" to make informed, healthy choices while having responsible fun without the use of alcohol and other drugs.

To find out how you can volunteer or donate to *Play It Safe*, please contact Ocean City Police Public Affairs Specialist Jessica King at 410.520.5395 or visit www.playitsafeoceancity.com.

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