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Astor Receives Generous Support from Community and Beyond for Pool Renovation

Rhinebeck, N.Y. – The Astor Home for Children received generous donations in order to renovate the swimming pool for the children in their Residential Programs in Rhinebeck, NY.

Organizations and individuals from the Hudson Valley community and beyond have made it possible for the children in Astor's Residential Programs in Rhinebeck, NY to be able to swim in their newly renovated swimming pool, which was completed and opened on June 21st.

Proceeds from Astor's 2008 Sponsorship Campaign, Annual Dinner and Annual Stenberg Cup Golf Tournament, as well as direct donations, went to support the renovation of the swimming pool. "It is clear by the overwhelming response that individuals and organizations care as deeply as we do about ensuring that our children get the type of childhood all children deserve. We are so very appreciative for all the support we have received. On behalf of the children in our Residential Programs, our Board of Directors and staff, I offer my sincere gratitude to each person and organization, who through their generous support, guaranteed the successful completion of the extensive pool renovations," says James McGuirk, Ph.D., Executive Director, CEO.

The swimming pool is an integral part of Astor's summer recreation program and was in need of significant repairs. For almost 30 years, it has been a part of the children's therapeutic activities and, on a more basic level, they have been given the opportunity to experience the simple pleasure of play! According to Dr. McGuirk, many individuals in the community responded strongly to the need of the children to have this resource and many expressed nostalgia for the pool itself, including community members who have previously worked at Astor as lifeguards.

The Astor Home for Children, as it has since 1953, promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs that prevent and treat emotional problems and facilitate healthy development. Now serving over 6,000 children and families annually, Astor's current range of services to families in the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community Based Mental Health and Educational Services. For additional information about The Astor Home for Children, please visit their website at www.astorservices.org or call The Astor Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.



Children enjoying the pool