



## HOME FOR CHILDREN

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**Astor Home for Children Teacher honored as LITE-FM and Davis Furniture Teacher of the Month for April**

**Rhinebeck, NY** – On May 23, 2007, Beth Van Fleet, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from The Astor Home for Children Day Treatment Center was awarded the LITE-FM and Davis Furniture, Teacher of the Month for April. Mrs. Van Fleet was nominated by one of her students. The award was presented in person, by Joe Daily from LITE-FM.

Each month during the 2006 – 2007 school year a Hudson Valley teacher is honored and recognized for their accomplishment, dedication and commitment to their students. For this honor, they receive gift certificates from Davis Furniture and Dazzle's (Salon and Day Spa), and seasonal bouquets or arrangements from Sabellico Greenhouses and Florist.

"Beth exemplifies what is wonderful about the teachers in our program – an ability to let the children know they are valued and accepted while challenging them to achieve and succeed at school, at home, and in the community," says Dr. Annie Scott, Program Director, Astor Day Treatment Center.

Astor's Day Treatment Program is certified by the New York State Office of Mental Health and the New York State Education Department and provides planned combination of clinical treatment and special education services to emotionally disturbed children ages 3 through 12 years.

Astor, serving over 6,000 children and families annually, promotes the wellbeing of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs that prevent and treat emotional problems and facilitate healthy development. Astor's current range of services to families in Dutchess County and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community Based Services. For additional information about The Astor Home for Children, please contact The Astor Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871.1117.

