



HOME FOR CHILDREN

Executive Administration

6339 Mill Street, PO Box 5005, Rhinebeck, New York 12572-5005
(845) 871-1000 • FAX (845) 876-2020 • Email: astor@astorservices.org

For more information contact:

Sonia Barnes-Moorhead
(845) 871.1117
smoorhead@astorservices.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 31, 2007

\$150,000 grant from Catholic Charities for the children of the Astor Home

Rhinebeck, NY – The Astor Home for Children received a \$150,000 grant from the Catholic Charities of The Archdiocese of New York to replace the roofs of its Rhinebeck and Little Red School House (Bronx) locations, and to purchase a new billing system.

Astor was one of 20 Catholic Charities agencies in New York City and the Hudson Valley to benefit from a \$5 million grant, made possible by the Empire State Development Corporation, to Catholic Charities to be used to upgrade facilities and improve the delivery of critical services to New Yorkers in need.

On June 26th, Sonia Barnes-Moorhead, Executive Vice President of the Astor Home for Children Foundation, accepted the grant award on behalf of Astor at a luncheon held in Dillon Hall at the New York Catholic Center in Manhattan. Ms. Barnes-Moorhead was presented with a construction “hard hat” – a symbol of the work ahead.

Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, praised Cardinal Egan for his efforts in securing the grant, and also expressed his gratitude to the administrations of Gov. Eliot Spitzer and former Gov. George Pataki for their support.

“I view the approval for this grant as recognition for the outstanding work that Catholic Charities agencies do for so many,” says Cardinal Egan.

James McGurik, Ph.D., Executive Director/CEO, The Astor Home for Children, said, “we are very thankful for this grant. At Astor, our focus is on providing the best possible care to our children and families in a safe, secure and pleasant environment. This grant will enhance our ability to do so.”

Astor, 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 - www.astorservices.org - or contact The Astor Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871.1117.