



## HOME FOR CHILDREN

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**Children at the Astor Home to Benefit from Bicycle Ride**

**Rhinebeck, NY** – The second annual Barry's Ride for Children to benefit the children at The Astor Home for Children in Rhinebeck, will take place on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Barry Hagan, a former student of Astor's Residential Programs, and the event host, began this annual ride to support the children because of the positive experiences he had during his stay, and his desire to give back. "I arrived at the Astor home when I was seven years old. I remember the kindness and understanding I received during my stay there. Please join me and many others in helping these children who are experiencing some difficulty in their lives. Together we can have a positive impact," says Barry.

Dr. James McGuirk, Executive Director/CEO, The Astor Home for Children, said "we feel honored that Barry, a former Astor student, is giving back to the other children in such a meaningful way. We appreciate Barry's hard work to make this event possible."

The bike ride will begin (9:00 a.m.), and end at The Astor Home, 6339 Mill Street, Rhinebeck (on Route 9). There will be three routes available: novice (10 miles), intermediate (25 miles) and experienced (50 miles). Each of the routes will give riders the opportunity to enjoy the scenery, right in time for the peak autumn foliage. The routes will traverse parts of Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Clinton, Milan and Stanford and will include some hills and winding roads.

Advanced registration is \$30.00 per person and registration on the day of the event is \$40.00. Upon the riders' return, they will enjoy a barbeque, hosted by the American Legion (next door to The Astor Home). This event is also being supported by the Rhinebeck Bicycle Shop.

The rain date is Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information on this event, **please email Barry Hagan at [hago424@aol.com](mailto:hago424@aol.com).**

The Astor Home for Children promotes the well being of children, adolescents and their families through a variety of programs, including the Early Childhood Program in Poughkeepsie. Astor's current range of services to families include: residential

treatment, therapeutic foster family care, early childhood programs and community based services. For additional information about The Astor Home for Children please visit [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org) or call The Astor Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.