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### **Astor's Annual Dinner Gala at Locust Grove**

**Rhinebeck, N.Y.** – The Astor Home for Children held its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Locust Grove, The Samuel Morse Historic Site, in Poughkeepsie. This lively celebration of 55 years of service to children and families in the community included a champagne reception, wine pairing, music, dancing and fun.

The audience was treated to vocal performances by **Anthony Gargiula**. Anthony, the **youngest person to sing at Carnegie Hall**, has been featured on the Today Show and the Ellen DeGeneres Show. The evening was topped off by dancing to the live music and jazz signing by the Michael Dell Orchestra.

This year's honorees, **Walter Cadette, Mike Mazzarella** and **Shawn Pratt**, all former members of Astor's Board, were honored for their dedication to Astor and the community. The awards were presented by State Senator Stephen M. Saland and Sister Rose Logan. There were also live and silent auctions of fabulous items, including a three night stay at Napa Valley Amadeus Spa & Salon.

The two course dinner was catered by Bridge Creek Caterers of New Paltz and paired with wines from Dr. Konstantin Frank Vinifera & Chateau Frank. Astor would like to extend a special thanks to its major donors: Rose & Kiernan, Inc., The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and M & T Bank and to all its friends in the community.

For more information about Astor's please call 845-871-1171 or visit their website at [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org).

*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 6,500 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](http://www.astorservices.org) or call The Astor Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.*