



Adopt-A-Family program underway in Rhinebeck

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RHINEBECK — Astor Services for Children and Families, Rhinebeck, provides support for children and their families throughout the mid-Hudson Valley. The agency is seeking donors for its annual Adopt-A-Family program to ensure these children have an enjoyable holiday season. Last year, Adopt-A-Family served more than 1,000 individuals.

Groups or individuals are asked to volunteer to provide holiday food and presents for children and families of children who receive Astor's services. Suggested gifts are divided into a "needs" list and a "wants" list. The needs list includes groceries, winter coats and hats. The wants list includes traditional holiday gifts, such as dolls, arts and crafts sets, and children's sports equipment.

"Some of the families in our programs are among some of the least fortunate in the community and are deserving of our help," said Sam Lowe, program manager at Astor. He said the response from parents of the children who receive gifts through the Adopt-A-Family program is always heartwarming.

"Every year, they are grateful for the amazing support from so many donors," Lowe said.

Astor is also seeking donors for Adopt-A-Classroom/Student Program, where groups and individuals from the community donate towards school supplies to the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Recent federal budget cuts have had a significant impact on the Head Start programs in Dutchess County.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Classroom/Student programs, contact Lowe at 845-871-1171 or atslowe@astorservices.org