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Astor Celebrates Annual Children's Awards Day

Rhinebeck, N.Y. – Astor Services for Children & Families Residential Treatment Programs in Rhinebeck and its award winning special education school, The Astor Learning Center, held its Annual Children's Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 2:30p. The Awards Ceremony celebrated the achievements of all the children in the Residential Programs by honoring each child with an award. Awards were presented for achievement in academics, music, art and athletics, as well as improvement in social skills.

The highest award, Student of the Year, was given to Eric Wist, who showed exemplary achievement in academic and behavioral gains. In addition, Eric and Astor staff member Mary Jo Pica were both presented with the Joel Robert Crenshaw Award for best exemplifying the "Spirit of Astor": caring, resiliency, compassion and commitment to others.

The Awards Ceremony was attended by several hundred people including family members, former students, Astor's staff and Board members. After the conclusion of the Ceremony the children, along with their families and friends, enjoyed a barbeque lunch and celebrated the successful end of the academic year!



Caption: Eric and his mother, Deb Wist, at the Awards Ceremony!

Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families (formerly The Astor Home for Children) has been providing behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. 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 Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. For additional information about Astor Services for Children & Families, please visit their website at www.astorservices.org or call Astor Services for Children & Families: Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.