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Astor to Honor Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro at Fundraising Reception

Rhinebeck, **N.Y**. – Astor Services for Children & Families will hold its fundraising "Swing Into Spring" Reception on Thursday, May 5th at the Millbrook Winery in Millbrook, NY. Proceeds from the event will go toward supporting the children's Arts and Music Programs.

During the reception, Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro will be honored with the Louise Marillac Public Service Award. An award named for a woman who spent much of her life serving the public. The reception will feature a children's art auction, where there will be a selection of multi media pieces available for purchase (i.e., ceramics, photographs and paintings).

"The Arts play a very important role in our programs as they give our children opportunities to develop some of their strengths and talents. Furthermore, art is often one of the ways they express their emotional experiences, which often have been very traumatic. I am delighted our guests will have the occasion to see these wonderful works on display, and I hope they will continue to support our Arts and Music Programs through their purchases.

"I would also like to congratulate Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro who will be honored for all the work he does on behalf of children and families in the community. While in the county legislature, he was one of the important advocates in our early efforts to improve the systems of care for infants, toddlers and their families and has continued this support during his time in the assembly, said Dr. James McGuirk, Astor Executive Director/CEO."

Gigi Hudson Valley in Rhinebeck, NY, will cater the event and music will be provided by Jazz musician, Tony Smith.

Astor would like to extend a special thanks to its major donors: Adams Fairacre Farms, Rose & Kiernan, Inc., The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, M&T Bank, and McCarthy's Pharmacy.

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 <u>www.astorservices.org</u> or call Astor Services for Children & Families: Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.



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