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## Astor to Celebrate 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, will hold its Annual Children's Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 11:00am. This Awards Ceremony celebrates the achievements of all the children in the Astor Learning Center by honoring each child with an award. Awards are presented for academic achievements, improvement in social skills as well as music, art and athletics.

The highest award, Student of the Year, is given to the student who shows exemplary achievement in academic and behavioral gains. In addition, one student and a member of the Astor staff will also be recognized with the Joel Robert Crenshaw Award. Recipients of this award best exemplify the "Spirit of Astor": caring, resiliency, compassion and commitment to others.

The Awards Ceremony will be attended by family members, former students, Astor's staff and Board members. The children, families and friends will enjoy a barbecue luncheon after the conclusion of the 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.

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