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Astor to Host Antique Appraisal Event

Rhinebeck, N.Y. – Astor Services for Children & Families will hold its “Antique Appraisal Event” and Reception on Saturday, May 5th at Vassar Alumnae House in Poughkeepsie, NY from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Proceeds from the event will go toward building the Jan Weido Memorial Bike Path at Astor’s Residential location in Rhinebeck, NY.

During the reception, guests will have the opportunity to have up to three items verbally appraised by experts. Appraisers will include Francis Wahlgren, CHRISITE’s International Head of Rare Books & Manuscripts; Frank Gaglio, Frank Gaglio Antiques, Inc., Rhinebeck, NY; Nancy Freese, Estate Services, Annex Antique Center; and Russell Carlsen, Carlsen Gallery, Inc. For large items, guests are asked to bring photos, taken at different angles.

“This will give our guests the opportunity to bring items to be appraised by experts while supporting Astor to build the Jan Weido Memorial Bike Path. Jan passed away in October 2011. He was the head of our Recreations Department at our Residential Programs for 25 years; and was an avid outdoors man, who was committed to the health and wellness needs of the children,” says James McGuirk, Ph.D., Executive Director/CEO, Astor Services for Children & Families.

Major sponsors of this event are: Adams Fairacre Farms, Rose & Kiernan, Inc., The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, M&T Bank, and McCarthy’s Pharmacy. Event sponsors include: M. M. Hayes, Inc., Reception; Mr. & Mrs. Maggiaomo, Cocktail and Kirschoff Consigli Construction Management. Catering will be provided by Main Course Catering, New Paltz, NY.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Dana Valdez at (845) 871-1171; email: dvaldez@astorservices.org or visit Astor’s website at www.astorservices.org.

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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