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### **Astor to Dedicate Construction of New Children's Living Quarters**

**Rhinebeck, N.Y.** - Astor Services for Children & Families will have a Dedication Ceremony on Friday, October 26, 2012 at 12:30 PM at their Residential Programs Facility, 6339 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY. Astor has replaced the current living quarters of the children in the Residential Treatment Program (RTF).

Astor's RTF is a 24-hour treatment facility for children from the Hudson Valley Region and New York City. The children range in age from 5 - 13 at the time of admission and must have a diagnosed, severe emotional disturbance/mental illness. When there is evidence of a need for treatment beyond what could be provided in a less-restrictive setting and the child's behavior is such that they can be maintained safely in open-treatment surroundings, Astor's RTF is most suitable.

According to James McGuirk, Ph.D., Executive Director/CEO, Astor Services for Children & Families, "We are delighted to have the opportunity to build new living quarters for the 20 children in our RTF Program. The current living spaces in our historic Rhinebeck location have been retrofitted over the past 50 years and were not fully meeting the needs of the children any longer."

Dr. McGuirk goes on to say, "The new building will not increase the number of children we serve - this number will remain the same. Rather, the new living units will allow us to further meet our commitment to provide the best quality service in the best possible environment. I am very excited for the children who will move into their new rooms and common areas."

During the ceremony, there will be representatives from the local legislators, New York State Office of Mental Health, Department of Mental Hygiene, Astor Board members, staff, children from the RTF Program and Kirchhoff-Consigli Construction Management of Pleasant Valley, the construction manager of the project.

Greg Burns, President of Kirchhoff-Consigli Construction Management said, "We are very pleased and proud to have been a part of creating this new residential facility for such a well-respected local organization which delivers such valuable services to our community. The project provided over 200 construction jobs and continues our commitment to working with various non-profits and charitable organizations in the area."

The new addition, designed by Mauri Associates of Poughkeepsie, fits perfectly within the current site and is in keeping with the existing architecture. The full masonry brick and block building includes 20 home style single bedrooms, conference rooms, common areas and a full-size gymnasium. The outside play area conceals the 26 five hundred feet deep geo thermal wells that will help provide the most energy-efficient, environmentally clean and cost-effective space-conditioning system available.

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**About Astor Services for Children & Families**

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

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