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## Astor's St. Nick's Fair set for Sunday, December 8th *Specialty Crafts, Raffles, Themed Baskets and Baked Goods Sale to Benefit Agency's Children*

RHINEBECK – Specialty crafts, raffles, themed baskets, baked goods and other hand-made items will be on sale December 8<sup>th</sup> at Astor Services for Children & Families' annual St. Nick's Holiday Fair.

The annual event will be held at the Rhinebeck location at 6339 Mill St. from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Some of the specialty handcrafted items for sale at the Fair are made by the children who live in Rhinebeck, the location of the Residential Programs. Other items are made by Astor staff and volunteers. Proceeds will benefit recreational and family-strengthening activities.

"One of the most amazing parts of the St. Nick's Holiday Fair is seeing all the crafts the children made and knowing every time one is purchased, it gives a child at Astor the chance to have the childhood all kids deserve by allowing them to participate in recreational activities such as fishing, camping or amusement park trips," said Samantha Lowe, Astor's Program Manager. Lowe goes on to say that the children, staff and volunteers work all year to create these high quality items.

In addition, a wide selection of raffles prizes (i.e., iPad, Fit Bit, two-nights at the Paramount Hotel in New York City, etc.), and theme-based gift baskets, will also be available. "All of these raffle items are donated by the community, including local merchants, volunteers and staff. We feel very fortunate," said Lowe.

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### **About Astor**

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 more than 6,000 children and families annually in over 33 locations, Astor's current range of services in the Hudson Valley (Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties) and the Bronx include: Residential Programs (for children ages 5 - 14 who have severe behavior and mental health challenges); Early childhood Programs (Astor operates the Early Head Start and Head Start Programs in Dutchess County, a federal early childhood program for low-income families); and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services (outpatient mental health services).

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