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Astor donors brightened holidays for its children

Agency annual Adopt-A-Family program reaches over 1,500

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Rhinebeck, N.Y.— More than 1,500 children and families had a brighter holiday season thanks to the many individuals, schools, youth groups, churches and businesses who played “Santa” through Astor Services for Children & Families’ 2013 Adopt-A-Family Program. The support of generous donors helped to make the holidays warm and merry for some of Astor’s neediest children and families.

Over 1,500 children and parents had a brighter holiday season this year due to the tremendous outpouring of care and generosity by the community. Gifts were collected from workplace toy drives and churches, and numerous companies and individuals “adopted” families or children and donated toys, home goods, and other items. Some families and organizations adopted all the children in an entire Astor program, purchasing and delivering gifts and providing entertainment for them.

“Many of the families in our programs are among some of the least fortunate in the community and I’m so happy that so many people responded to our outreach,” said Sam Lowe, Program Manager, and Coordinator of the Adopt-A-Family Program.

Companies and organizations that supported Astor this holiday season include:

Allstate Claims, Arbor Ridge, Avon, Bugaboo Creek, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company, Chancellor-Livingston School, The Children’s Place, Clear Channel, Columbia University, CooperKatz & Company, Inc., Corbally, Gartland & Rappleyea, CWA Local 1182, Department of Mental Hygiene, Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce, Faith Assembly of God, Gary DiMauro Real Estate, Health Quest, Houlihan Lawrence, HVFCU, IBM, Immaculate Conception Church, Javelin, John Jay Cheerleading, John Jay High School Senior Class, Key Bank, The KidzGiving Hunt Team, Kirchhoff-Consigli, Kohl’s Cares, Law Office of Adeline Malone, Marist College Teachers of Tomorrow, Marshall & Sterling, Inc., MHMG, Millbrook School, Mondello Upstate Properties LLC, Mt. Kisco Medical Group, The New York State Troopers, Paula Redmond Realty, Perkins Eastman, Poughkeepsie 7th Day Adventist School, Prudential Serls Real Estate, PURE, Red Hook Chamber of Commerce, Rhinebeck Bank, Rhinebeck High School Art Club, Ronald McDonald House, Rotary Club of Fishkill, Sacred Heart Youth Group, Southlands Foundation, St. Denis-St. Columba School, St. John’s Reformed Church, The Starr Company, TKG Consulting, Topical Biomedics, United Way of Dutchess and Orange County, W.B. Mason, and Whiting and Turner.

“I am in awe of the generosity and kindness of our donors who truly made this holiday season a memorable one for our children and their families,” said James McGuirk, Ph.D., Executive Director/CEO, Astor. “I want to thank all of our past and new donors who participated in our program, which truly makes a difference in so many lives. It



shows how our community cares about children and families in need. We, at Astor, truly appreciate the community's continued support."

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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