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NYC newscasters to sing for Astor's kids *Hickey, Anastos, Tong, others in April 26 'Cabaret'*

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NEW YORK – News anchors and reporters from several New York City television stations will be belting out show tunes and other old standards April 26 at Pix 11 reporter Magee Hickey's annual *Come to the Cabaret* to raise funds for Astor Services for Children & Families' Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development. The therapeutic pre-school program, located in the Bronx, is named in honor of Magee's dad.

The *Cabaret* event, which will include a silent auction, will begin with a reception at 1 PM. at the Convent of the Sacred Heart School, 1 East 91st St. in Manhattan. The show, starring Hickey, Pix 11 anchors Tamsen Fadal, Scott Sanford, Kaity Tong and Marvin Scott; Fox 5 news anchor Ernie Anastos, Pix 11 weatherman Mr. G (Irv Gikofsky), Pix 11 reporters Kristin Cole, Dan Mannarino and Greg Mocker; WNBC 4 reporter Andrew Siff, and many more, including children from the Hickey Center, will start at 2 p.m.

Dr. James McGuirk, Executive Director of Astor Services for Children & Families, praised Hickey and her family for their continuing support of the pre-school program. "Mr. Hickey was a generous humanitarian, giving of his time and many talents," McGuirk said. "He was committed to ensuring the world becomes a better place for children and their families. We are so thankful to Magee and the entire Hickey family for all that they do on behalf our children and families."

Magee thought of the idea of a cabaret with fellow newscasters as a fun way to raise money and awareness for the wonderful work being done at the Hickey Center for Child Development. Both Magee's parents loved theater and music. The show even includes a wonderful performance from the preschoolers from the Hickey Center. Items up for bid at the silent auction include tickets to New York Yankees and New York Giants games and dinner with several of the performers, including Hickey, Tong, Anastos and many others.

Tickets, are \$50, \$150 and \$500 and may be obtained online on Astor's website, www.astorservices.org. \$30, \$130 and \$480 respectively of the ticket prices will go directly to the Lawrence F. Hickey Center and are tax deductible.

Sponsors of the event include LeeAnn Black, CWA Local 1182, William Grant and Sons and Patti Kenner. To inquire about a sponsorship or for more information, contact Samantha Lowe at Astor Services, 845-871-1171.

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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