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A Night of Line Dancing to Benefit the Kids at Astor!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RHINEBECK – If you're fond of scuffing, brushing, stomping and toe fanning – or if you've never done any of these things before -- Astor Services for Children & Families invites you to kick up your boots at its Roundup Line Dancing Event on May 10.

The event, which includes plenty of food and beverages, a live auction and line dancing lessons, will begin at 6:00 PM at Astor's Rhinebeck location, 6339 Mill Street. Tickets are priced at \$75 per person, \$125 per couple or \$50 for students, and are available online at <u>www.astorservices.org</u>. Proceeds will benefit Astor's programs. The first 50 tickets sold will be entered in a drawing for a wine basket.

Sonia Barnes-Moorhead, Executive Vice President, Astor, said the agency planned the event "as an opportunity for people to support our children in a fun-filled environment where they can learn the art of line dancing." Some of the children served by Astor's programs will take part in the festivities, Barnes-Moorhead said.

Joe and Julie Donato of Hudson Valley Dance Depot, Poughkeepsie, will provide the line dancing instruction. The event will be catered by Max's Memphis BBQ, Red Hook and will also feature a tequila bar. In addition, beer will be provided by Grand Cru Beer and Cheese Market, Rhinebeck.

Event sponsors are M.M. Hayes Co., Inc., Dorathea Matwichuk, Jim and Paulette Maggiacomo and Larry Barr. Major sponsors are Adams Fairacre Farms, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, McCarthy Pharmacy, M&T Bank, and Rose and Kiernan, Inc. Auction items include a two-night weekend stay at the Affinia Manhattan Hotel and two Broadway show tickets; a craft beer basket; and a spa basket.

For more information on the Line Dancing event, contact Sam Lowe at (845) 871-1171; <u>slowe@astorservices.org</u> or visit <u>www.astorservices.org</u>.

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).

