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SONGS OF LEGENDARY SINGER, PEGGY LEE, FEATURED DURING ASTOR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES' SEVENTH ANNUAL CABARET FUND-RAISER

Proceeds to Benefit Astor's Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development in the Bronx

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK, January 19, 2017 – Prominent television news reporter Magee Hickey and the Hickey family proudly present 'It's a Good Day,' a fund-raising tribute to the legendary Peggy Lee, as sung by cabaret singer Stacy Sullivan, on Saturday, February 4, with proceeds to benefit children of <u>Astor Services for Children & Families</u>' Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development in the Bronx, New York. The center provides early childhood and mental health services to 3-to-5-year-olds with emotional and cognitive challenges.

With this seventh annual Cabaret fund-raiser, Hickey continues the legacy of support to Astor's children by her father, Lawrence Hickey, for whom the Hickey Center (formerly the Little Red Schoolhouse) was named in honor of his integral work in establishing the center and support of Astor's children.

"My father was a kind, loving, generous man who believed every child deserved the best possible start in life," said Hickey. "Lawrence Hickey, father of four and grandfather of eleven, worked for decades with the Children's Foundation of Astor to develop therapeutic programs for special needs preschoolers in under-served communities in the Bronx. He was so touched when Astor named the Little Red Schoolhouse on Dyre Avenue in his honor. And now, in the five years since his passing, it is his children's pleasure to raise funds for the Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development."

The Saturday, February 4 event, will take place at the Sheen Center, 18 Bleeker Street, New York, New York. A VIP reception is scheduled for 6 p.m.; the show will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for general



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admission and \$150 for orchestra seats and the VIP reception. Astor's major sponsors include: Protiviti, M&T Bank, Adams Fairacre Farms, McCarthy's Pharmacy, and Rose & Kiernan, Inc. The event sponsors include Ms. LeeAnn Black, event location; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hanson, performance; the Hyatt Regency, silent auction weekend/four-day getaway; Ms. Patti Kenner, reception; Mr. and Mrs. Les Seff, silent auction weekend getaway (Hellbrook Farms); and William T. Grant & Sons, liquor.

For tickets, visit the Sheen Center at <u>http://sheencenter.org/shows/astor</u>. For information or event sponsorship, contact Tara Thorne at tthorne@astorservices.org or (845) 871-1024.

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 7,000 children and families annually in more than 33 locations, Astor's range of services in the Hudson Valley (Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties) and the Bronx include: Residential Programs; Early Childhood Programs; and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. Visit the organization online at <u>www.astorservices.org</u>

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Editor's note: A photo of Stacy Sullivan is attached.