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## **CHILDREN CELEBRATED DURING ASTOR'S CHILDREN'S AWARDS CEREMONY**

### ***Annual Event Recognizes Achievements During the School Year***

**RHINEBECK, NEW YORK, JUNE 6, 2016** - Astor Services for Children & Families, a non-profit organization that provides children's mental health services, child welfare services, and early childhood development programs in New York State's mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx, will hold its annual Children's Awards Ceremony for students of its award-winning special education school, The Astor Learning Center, at 6339 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, NY, on Thursday, June 23, at 11:30 a.m.

During the ceremony, each child will be honored with an award in acknowledgement of his or her achievements, including those related to academics, social skills, music, art and athletics. As well, an award for Student of the Year will be given to the individual that has shown exemplary achievement in academic and behavioral gains, and one student and one staff member will be recognized with the Joel Robert Crenshaw Award, which distinguishes those that embody Astor's spirit of caring, resiliency, compassion and commitment to others.

Family, former students, staff and Astor's board members are invited to the ceremony, which will be followed by a barbecue luncheon.

#### **About Astor**

*Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families 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, Astor's current range of services to families in the mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. For additional information about Astor Services for Children & Families, please visit [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org) or call Astor Services for Children & Families: Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.*

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