



...Because every child deserves a childhood

May 3, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Central Administration
6339 Mill Street
P.O. Box 5005
Rhinebeck, NY 12572-5005
Tel: (845) 871-1000
Fax: (845) 876-2020
Email: astor@astorservices.org
Website: www.astorservices.org

For more information, contact:
Sonia Barnes-Moorhead
(845) 871-1117
smoorhead@astorservices.org

NOTRE DAME CLUB AND LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS HELP PREPARE GARDEN

AT ASTOR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN RHINEBECK

Volunteer effort honors late Father Hesburgh through the 2017 Hesburgh Service Initiative

Rhinebeck, N.Y. – MAY 3, 2017 – [Astor Services for Children & Families](http://www.astorservices.org) will welcome the Notre Dame Club of the Mid-Hudson Valley and youth of the Bruderhoff community to its Rhinebeck campus on Saturday, May 6, when the groups will participate in a garden volunteer effort as part of the 2017 Hesburgh Service Initiative.

The initiative honors the 16th president of the University of Notre Dame, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., for his commitment to the pursuit of peace and promotion of human dignity. The annual Hesburgh Month of Service began in 2007, in recognition of Father Hesburgh's 90th birthday, with 90 Notre Dame clubs hosting volunteer projects in collaboration with the Alumni Association.

During the sponsored day of volunteer work at Astor, Notre Dame Alumni, youth from the Bruderhoff community, family, friends and Astor staff will prepare the campus' vegetable garden for planting, including securing its fencing and composting station. In addition, the groups will clear brush along the site's stream to improve access for fishing by the children.

“We are delighted to team up once again with Astor, together with the youth of the Bruderhoff community, for our annual Hesburgh Day of Service,” said Erin Rider, Notre Dame Club of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Summer Service Coordinator. “We will join members of the Notre Dame community throughout the world to honor the life and legacy of Fr. Hesburgh. We are grateful for our on-going relationship with Astor and the opportunity to take part in the great work they do.”

“We are so thankful to the Notre Dame Club of the Mid-Hudson Valley for their continued support of our children,” said James McGuirk, Ph.D., Executive Director/CEO of Astor Services for Children & Families. “For several years, they have worked so hard to beautify spaces for our children. We are most grateful to them and the youth of the Bruderhoff community for all they do.”



Central Administration

6339 Mill Street
P.O. Box 5005
Rhinebeck, NY
12572-5005
Tel: (845) 871-1000
Fax: (845) 876-
2020

Email: astor@astorservices.org
Website: www.astorservices.org

...Because every child deserves a childhood

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 8,000 children and families annually in over 80 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 (in Dutchess County, Astor operates the Early Head Start and Head Start Programs, which are federal early childhood programs for low-income families); and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services (outpatient mental health services). www.astorservices.org.

#

SPONSORED BY

Cartholic Charities
Archdiocese of New York
Providing Help. Creating Hope.

