



...Because every child deserves a childhood

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Astor's Children's Benefit Gala: Breaking the Stigma Against Mental Health

*Honoring retired **NBA Player Adonal Foyle**, Golden State Warriors; and Bronx NYPD, **Deputy Inspector Ruel Stephenson**. Bronx Borough President, **Ruben Diaz, Jr.**, Keynote Speaker*

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NEW YORK – On Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m., Astor's Junior Board of Directors will hold their *First Annual Gala: Breaking the Stigma Against Mental Health*, to support children in the Bronx who are battling this issue. The gala will take place at Manhattan Surrogate's Court (31 Chambers St.).

Retired **NBA Player, Adonal Foyle** (Golden State Warriors), and Bronx **NYPD Deputy Inspector, Ruel Stephenson**, will be honored. The **Keynote Speaker will be Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz Jr.**

"I am honored to be a member of Astor's Junior Board – a group of young professionals in New York City, who care about children battling mental/behavioral health and educational issues, and are actively doing something to help them – to help shed light on these issues by raising awareness and funds for Astor's Bronx programs, in an effort to break the stigma that surrounds these vulnerable and often times traumatized children," said Nicole Giambarrese, Junior Board President.

The Gala will include a silent auction that includes tickets to a Subway Series game, a weeks vacation of your choosing anywhere in the world, and many more items!

Tickets are \$150 (\$100 of the ticket prices will go directly to support Astor's programs in the Bronx and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law). Sponsors of the event include Protiviti, Teladoc and United Health Care. Tickets may be obtained online on Astor's Web site, www.astorservices.org. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Samantha Lowe, 845-871-1171; slowe@astorservices.org; or Nathalie Tejada (646) 300-2810, ntejada@astorservices.org.

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 behavioral 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).

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