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RETURNS FOR A SECOND YEAR

Hudson Valley Actors Headline Dramatic Benefit Event for Deserving Children at Astor

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 13, 2017 – For the second year, Hudson Valley-based actors will come together for **Ghost Stories**, a benefit gala and performance, on Saturday, November 4, to benefit Astor Services for Children & Families, a non-profit organization which 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. The event is presented in collaboration with the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts and the Families for Astor Committee.

The star-studded evening will feature improvised, spontaneous spooky storytelling and fun. As in 2016, the event will be hosted by actors **Hilarie Burton**, of the WB/CW drama *One Tree Hill*, and her husband **Jeffrey Dean Morgan**, known for recurring roles on *The Good Wife*, *The Walking Dead*, and movie roles.

The performance will begin at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m., at which time there will be a silent auction and opportunity to read onstage with Burton and Morgan.

All proceeds will go to support the work of the children at Astor. Last year's inaugural benefit raised money to renovate the existing four wings of the historic Astor Building in Rhinebeck. Renovations on the first wing began this spring.

Tickets for **Ghost Stories** cost \$35, \$50, \$75 and \$250, the latter of which includes an invitation to a private post-show reception, with dessert, drinks and the opportunity to meet Burton and Morgan and take a selfie. For advance tickets, visit <http://fishercenter.bard.edu/> or call (845) 758-7900.

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 www.astorservices.org

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Editor's note: Photo attached: Actors and married couple, Hilarie Burton and Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who have a home in Rhinebeck, NY, shared spooky stories during Astor Services for Children & Families' Ghost Stories event last year.