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Families for Astor Hosts Dramatic Event Featuring Hudson Valley Actors

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK, AUGUST 24, 2016—In collaboration with the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Families for Astor Committee, that supports the work of 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, is
hosting *Ghostories*, a benefit gala and performance on Saturday, October 1, at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

The star-studded entertainment/variety show will feature tellings of spooky, fun and timeless ghost stories as performed by Hudson Valley actors, including:

- **Hiliarie Burton**, former host of MTV’s Total Request Live, and the actress that portrayed Peyton Sawyer on the WB/CW drama One Tree Hill.
- **Jeffery Dean Morgan**, who, with his wife Burton, owns Samuels Sweet Shop in Rhinebeck, and is known for recurring roles on Grey’s Anatomy, Supernatural, The Good Wife, The Walking Dead, plus movie roles.
- **Mary Stuart Masterson**, the star of several films, including Immediate Family, for which she won the National Board of Review Award for Best Supporting Actress, along with the 2003 Broadway revival of Nine, where she was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical.
- **Griffin Dunne**, actor and producer that has starred in films such as Game 6, and I Like It Like That, plus television appearances, including Frasier, Saturday Night Live, Alias, Law & Order: Criminal Intent, Trust Me and the premiere season of the Showtime’s House of Lies.

Tickets for the event 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 the show’s cast. For advance tickets, visit FISHERCENTER.BARD.EDU or call (845) 758-7900.

All proceeds will go to support the work of the children at Astor.

**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*