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NYC Broadway and Cabaret performers; and Newscasters, to sing for Astor's kids

Hickey, Anastos, Hall, Dugan, Stone, Paterra and others in April 2 'Cabaret' celebrating the music of Marvin Hamlisch

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NEW YORK – Broadway and award-winning cabaret performers, along with news anchors and reporters from several New York City television stations will perform The Music of Marvin Hamlisch in the 6th Annual Cabaret on April 2. Hosted by Pix 11 reporter Magee Hickey, this event raises funds for Astor Services for Children & Families' Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development. The therapeutic pre-school program, located in the Bronx, is named in honor of Magee's dad.

The *Cabaret* event, will include a silent auction and will begin with a reception at 4 p.m. at the Manor Club, 1023 Esplanade, Pelham Manor, NY. The show will feature Terre Blair Hamlisch (Marvin's wife), Phil Hall, Peter Dugan, Merrill Stone, Rocky Paterra, Cole Rumbough, Sarah Monte, Lennie Watts, Natalie Douglas, Eva Kantor, Shana Farr, Charles Yang, J. Ernest Green, Hickey, Fox 5 news anchor Ernie Anastos and many more...including children from the Hickey Center. The cabaret director is Valerie Lemon with musical direction by Phil Hall.

Dr. James McGuirk, Executive Director of Astor Services for Children & Families, praised Hickey and her family for their continuing support of the pre-school program. "Mr. Hickey was a generous humanitarian, giving of his time and many talents," McGuirk said. "He was committed to ensuring the world becomes a better place for children and their families. We are so thankful to Magee and the entire Hickey family for all that they do on behalf our children and families."

Magee thought a cabaret with fellow newscasters was a fun way to raise money and awareness for the wonderful work being done at the Hickey Center. The cabaret has now expanded to include Broadway and professional cabaret performers. Both Magee's parents loved theater and music!

Items up for bid at the silent auction include a "Sonoma Packet," that includes a four-day stay at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek, Sonoma County and private tours at Rodney Strong and Kendall Jackson Vineyards; dinner with several of the performers, including Hickey and Anastos, and many more items!

Tickets are \$75, \$150 and \$500 (\$55, \$130 and \$480 respectively of the ticket prices will go directly to the Lawrence F. Hickey Center and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law). Sponsors of the event include LeeAnn Black, William Grant and Sons, Patti Kenner and Jane Hickey Sexton. Tickets may be obtained online on Astor's Web site, www.astorservices.org. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Samantha Lowe at Astor Services, 845-871-1171; slowe@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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