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**AN EVENING OF COLE PORTER WITH STACY SULLIVAN, ASTOR SERVICES FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES' EIGHTH ANNUAL CABARET FUND-RAISER**

Proceeds to Benefit Astor's Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development in the Bronx

BRONX, NEW YORK, January 18, 2018 – Emmy Award winning television news reporter Magee Hickey and the Hickey family proudly present 'Don't Fence Me In: An Evening of Cole Porter,' a fund-raising tribute to the legendary Cole Porter, featuring cabaret singer Stacy Sullivan & Special Guest Stars, on Saturday, February 3, with proceeds to benefit children of [Astor Services for Children & Families'](#) Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development in the Bronx, New York. The center provides early childhood and mental health services to 3-to-5-year-olds with emotional and cognitive challenges.

With this eighth annual Cabaret fund-raiser, Hickey continues the legacy of support to Astor's children by her father, Lawrence F. Hickey, for whom the Hickey Center (formerly the Little Red Schoolhouse) was named in honor of his integral work in establishing the center and support of Astor's children.

"The older I get, the more I realize what a truly wonderful, special man my father was," said Hickey. "Lawrence Hickey spent his entire life helping other people, whether it was his family, his co-workers or the children in the special needs schools run by Astor's Services for children and their families. His was a life of total selflessness. And it is our pleasure, the four children of Lawrence Hickey, Elizabeth, Frank, Jane and myself, to raise money for the Lawrence F. Hickey Center for Child Development. Both my parents loved children and the music of Cole Porter. Stacy Sullivan seems like a member of the family. So this 8th annual cabaret fundraisers seems like a perfect tribute to my father and the wonderful work being done by Astor."



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The Saturday, February 3, event will take place at The Manor Club, 1023 Esplanade, Pelham, New York. A reception is scheduled for 4 p.m., with the show beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$65 for general admission and \$165 for show admission and a post-cabaret VIP reception. Astor's major sponsors include Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York, Protiviti, M&T Bank, Adams Fairacre Farms, McCarthy's Pharmacy, and Rose & Kiernan, Inc. The event sponsors include Ms. LeeAnn Black, event sponsor; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hanson, performance sponsor; Ms. Patti Kenner, transportation sponsor; and Ms. Pauline Barfield, wine sponsor.

For tickets, visit astorservices.org/event/cabaret. For information or event sponsorship, contact Jeannine Mendez at jdmendez@astorservices.org or (646) 300-2810.

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 10,000 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: A photo of Stacy Sullivan is attached.