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ASTOR SERVICES' ANNUAL ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM BENEFITS FAMILIES

Donations Brighten the Holidays for 1,470 kids and families in the Bronx and Hudson Valley

RHINEBECK AND BRONX, NY, January 31, 2018 – Over the course of three months ending in December 2017, Astor Services for Children & Families, which provides behavioral and educational services for thousands of children and their families throughout the Bronx and mid-Hudson Valley, matched volunteer donors that were able to purchase gifts with area families in-need during its annual Adopt-A-Family program. With generous donations of time and money from individuals and groups across the mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx, 1,470 kids and families served by Astor received gifts during the 2017 holiday season.

Collections took place in both the mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx, but some donations came from as far away as Long Island. The gifts varied from everyday needs, such as groceries, winter coats, hats and gloves, to traditional holiday presents. Donors provided as many gifts as they chose and ranged from one-to-two items, to many, with nearly 80 organizations, along with numerous individuals and families, contributing their effort, dollars and gifts to Astor's children and families.

“Through the immense support of our Adopt-A-Family donors, this holiday season we were able to serve the neediest children and their families in Astor's programs,” said Sonia Barnes-Moorhead, executive vice president of The Children's Foundation of Astor. “The tremendous contributions from our community's individuals, families and organizations was greatly appreciated, especially by the children that received the donated gifts—many of them sent hand-written ‘thank you’ notes the gift-givers. We are truly grateful for the holiday joy that each donor brought to our deserving children and their families.”

About Astor Services for Children & Families

Astor Services for Children & Families, as it has since 1953, promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs that prevent and treat emotional problems



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and facilitate healthy development. Now serving more than 10,000 children and families annually, Astor's current range of services to families in the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. For additional information please visit <http://astorservices.org/> or call (845) 871-1117.

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Editor's note: Attached is photo of donations being dropped off for this year's Adopt-A-Family program.