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Astor and HV Hospice Named MLK 2020: Organizations of the Year

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Catharine Street Community Center to honor nonprofits on January 23



Astor Services for Children & Families and **Hudson Valley Hospice** have been named as the MLK 2020: Organizations of the Year by **Catharine Street Community Center** (CSCC), a nonprofit dedicated to promoting and coordinating educational, health and cultural programming that enriches and enhances the lives of individuals, children and families in Dutchess County. Each organization will be recognized at the Annual MLK Breakfast on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

"We are honored to have been selected for this award by the Catharine Street Community Center," said **Sonia Barnes-Moorhead**, executive vice president of the Children's Foundation of Astor. "Astor proudly serves the Hudson Valley and Bronx communities by providing direct support to children and families who need it most, and we strive to uphold the highest level of inclusivity, diversity and care."

Astor Services for Children & Families and Hudson Valley Hospice were selected as honorees based on recommendations from CSCC staff, volunteers and community members with first-hand knowledge about the organizations' contributions, services and overall positive impact on the quality of life in our community. Guidelines for consideration of nominees include: provision of services in the Mid-Hudson Valley for a minimum of 10 years; promotion of diversity and inclusiveness within the workplace and community; facilitation of career advancement and learning opportunities for employees; operation of direct and indirect educational and support services for individuals, children and families locally, and county-wide; an earned reputation for quality services and care and implementation of inclusive programs and services for individuals with limited education and financial resources.

"Hudson Valley Hospice is thrilled to be recognized alongside Astor Services for Children & Families for the meaningful work we both do within our community," said **Michael Kaminski**, president and CEO of Hudson Valley Hospice. "Martin Luther King Jr. treated others with kindness, fairness, love and inclusion and that is exactly what our organization aims to do with patients and their loved ones each and every day."

To learn more about Astor's programs and services, visit www.astorservices.org. To learn more about Hudson Valley Hospice, visit www.hvhospice.org.

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 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.

About Hudson Valley Hospice

For more than thirty-five years, Hudson Valley Hospice has been providing a full spectrum of compassionate care and support to individuals with life limiting illness and their loved ones, throughout Dutchess and Ulster counties. In 2019, Hudson Valley Hospice had the honor and privilege of serving more than 2000 patients and their loved ones at a time when it matters most. For more information, please visit www.hvhospice.org or call 845-485-2273.