

Astor Services for Children & Families, Hudson Valley Hospice honored by Catharine Street Community Center

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Astor Services for Children & Families and Hudson Valley Hospice were named as the MLK 2020: Organizations of the Year by Catharine Street Community Center.

The center is 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 was recognized at the Annual MLK Breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

“We are honored to have been selected for this award by the Catharine Street Community Center,” Sonia Barnes-Moorhead, executive vice president of the Children’s Foundation of Astor, said in a press release. “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 the center's staff, volunteers and community members with first-hand knowledge about the organizations’ contributions, services and overall positive impact on the quality of life in the 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,” Michael Kaminski, president and CEO of Hudson Valley Hospice, said in the release. “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.”

