

CELEBRITIES SHARE SPOOKY STORIES, HELP RAISE MORE THAN \$140,000

FOR ASTOR SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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Astor's Third Annual Ghost Stories Fundraiser

Rhinebeck, N.Y. – February 25, 2019 – Celebrities, spooky stories and a sold-out crowd came together on February 9 at the Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston to raise more than \$140,000, during Ghost Stories III, a star-studded fundraising event to benefit [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.

In addition to building on Astor's resources, "Ghost Stories – A Night of Ghostly Storytelling with Hilarie Burton & Jeffrey Dean Morgan & Friends," entertained more than 1,500 attendees and followed two previous Ghost Stories performances with the acting couple and other stars, this year, including actors and Dutchess County residents Paul Rudd and Mary Stuart Masterson, plus Clayne Crawford, Tyler Hilton and Michael Raymond-James.

Money raised through each Ghost Stories event supports children served by Astor, with the funds from this event targeted for renovations to Astor's family therapy rooms, nursing station and other areas. Past funds paid for the renovations of boys' and girls' residential units in Astor's Residential Treatment Center, including bedrooms, kitchens and common areas. Each renovation has benefited from the hands-on work of Burton and Morgan, including developing finish selections and designs, securing pro-bono contractors and coordinating donated goods.

"The support of everyone involved in Ghost Stories has been tremendous," said James McGuirk, Ph.D., Astor's executive director and CEO. "The performers, sponsors, industry professionals, generous attendees, Astor staff and volunteers all have contributed to the event's great success every year. We are especially grateful for the time and work that Hilarie Burton and Jeffrey Dean Morgan have dedicated to Astor's children through their fundraising and heartfelt work. It's all made a real difference to the lives of Astor's children."

About Astor

Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families has been providing behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. The organization, which has been accredited with The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval, now serves more than 10,000 children and families

annually in more than 70 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.

Editor's note: Attached please find four photos from Astor's Ghost Stories III event:

Ghost Stories III cast: *The cast of celebrity performers from Astor's Ghost Stories III event at UPAC in Kingston included, from the left, Tyler Hilton, Clayne Crawford, Mary Stuart Masterson, Hilarie Burton, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Paul Rudd and Michael Raymond-James.*

Ghost Stories III UPAC stage scene: *Outfitted for a night of scary-story telling during Astor's Ghost Stories III event, the stage at UPAC in Kingston was the perfect place for eerie tales shared by, seated, left to right, a female guest from the audience, Paul Rudd, Michael Raymond-James, Clayne Crawford and Tyler Hilton. At the microphone are, left, Hilarie Burton, Mary Stuart Masterson.*

Ghost Stories III seated Hilarie and others: *Microphone in hand, Hilarie Burton shared ghostly tales and lots of laughs with friends during Astor's Ghost Stories III event at UPAC in Kingston. Also pictured are, from the left, Paul Rudd, Michael Raymond-James and Clayne Crawford.*

Ghost Stories III partial cast with seated woman: *A lucky audience guest, seated, shares the stage with actors during Astor's Ghost Stories III event at UPAC in Kingston, including from the left, Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Hilarie Burton, Clayne Crawford and Mary Stuart Masterson.*