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Happy New Year!

We are kicking off the decade with exciting news! We are proud to announce Yvette Bairan as our Chief Executive Officer. We look forward to a bright future under Yvette's leadership.

We had a great holiday season! Our Adopt-A-Family Program was a big hit. Our supporters made a lot of our children very happy this holiday season. The children in our Residence in Rhinebeck were treated to a surprise Christmas Eve visit from Hilarie Burton & Jeffrey Dean Morgan. Earlier in the month, Bryce Gray and his family treated the children to the Kidz Giving Hunt.

Thank you to all who made the holidays brighter for the children of Astor and all who donated through our Holiday Giving program. We truly appreciate your support.

The Latest News from Astor Services for Children & Families

Yvette Bairan announced as CEO

Astor Services for Children & Families has appointed Yvette Bairan as its chief executive officer effective January 6, 2020. Ms. Bairan has been serving as interim CEO after former CEO, James McGuirk, PhD stepped into a new role as president of The Children's Foundation of Astor in July 2019. A dedicated employee of Astor for 11 years, Ms. Bairan had



previously served as chief quality and compliance officer.

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Hilarie Burton & Jeffrey Dean Morgan visit Astor in Rhinebeck on Christmas Eve!

The children at Astor got a surprise Christmas Eve visit from Hilarie Burton and Jeffrey Dean Morgan! The Morgan family showed up bearing gifts for the kids and handed out delicious treats from [Samuel's Sweet Shop](#) for the staff. Hilarie and Jeff read stories to the children and passed out slippers.



Hilarie, Jeff, and daughter George are pictured with Ed Pruitt, Assistant Executive Director of Residential Programs & his wife Susan, and Kathleen Gavin, Director of Expressive Arts.



Astor's Adopt-A-Family Program was a huge success!

We would like to thank all those who participated in our Adopt-A-Family program this year. The response from donors was wonderful and really made a difference to our children and families in need. With our community's help, we were able to purchase gifts for approximately 1,300 individuals and families this year. Thank you for caring about the children of Astor as much as we do!

[Click here for more photos and a complete list of organizations that participated.](#)



Kidz Giving Hunt comes to Astor

Once again this year, Bryce, Chad and the Gray family and friends hosted the 7th Annual Kidz Giving Hunt at Astor's Residence in Rhinebeck. Bryce and his family have been coming to Astor since 2013, bringing the children gifts, goodies and cheer for the holidays. It's heartwarming to see kids coming together to help fellow children.

[Click here to see more photos.](#)



Astor selected as CSCC Organization of the Year

We are pleased to announce that Astor Services for Children & Families has been selected as [Catharine Street Community Center's](#) MLK 2020: Organizations of The Year. Astor will be recognized at the Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast on Thursday, January 23 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.



UPCOMING EVENT: "Galentine's Day" at Noble Farm

Our friends at Noble Farm are hosting an exclusive "Galentine's Day" shopping experience benefitting Astor Services on Sat., January 25, 2-5 pm. Vendors will be at the farm offering exclusive local craft products and lots of free samples! Vendors include Hudson Square Boutique, Chloe and Lois, Unshattered, Cousins Ale Works, Crazy Little Farm, and more.

Ticket price includes farm entrance, acoustic music, & adult beverages. Located on the border of Dutchess and Putnam County, NY. [Tickets are \\$35 per person.](#)



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Looking for a Valentine's Day Gift?

Astor has partnered with With You Locketts in the creation of an Astor Collection of lockets. This collection features locket designs originated from drawings by Astor children. Proceeds from sales of these lockets benefit Astor's Expressive Arts Program.

[View the Astor Collection online.](#)



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

In Remembrance
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.




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