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## **Astor's Children Benefit from Bikers Against Child Abuse**

**Rhinebeck, N.Y.** – On Sunday, August 9th, the children in Astor's Residential Programs in Rhinebeck, NY, benefited from the Hudson Valley Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Astor Kids Run."

Bikers Against Child Abuse is an international non-profit organization that promotes the protection of children against all forms of child abuse. In addition to holding fundraisers for programs designed to help abused children, members of B.A.C.A. provide other services such as court advocacy and personal security for children involved in abuse cases.

The bike run started in Wappingers Falls and ended at Astor on Route 9 in Rhinebeck. Following the bike run, the riders and kids were treated to a barbecue and live music. The children enjoyed face painting, testing out the motorcycles, and spinning the prize wheel from local radio station The Wolf. Competitions for the bikers included a "Best in Show" judged by Astor kids, a plank ride, slowest ride to the finish, and more. In spite of the weather, it was a full-filled day for both the children and the bikers! As part of the "run," B.A.C.A. members collected and donated art supplies for the children in Astor's Residential Programs.

"We are very grateful to B.A.C.A for holding this event, even through the rain." says Dr. James McGuirk, Executive Director/CEO, Astor Services for Children & Families. "The children enjoyed the event, and we at Astor are thankful to the members of B.A.C.A for their support."

*Astor Services for Children & Families (formerly The Astor Home for Children), 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 over 6,000 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 about Astor Services for Children & Families, please visit their website at [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org) or call Astor Services for Children & Families: Home for Children Foundation at (845) 871-1117.*

