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### **Paint What You Feel Program, Children's Artwork Presented at Astor's Young Professionals' Board Reception**

**October 14, 2016 - NEW YORK, NY** – Astor Services for Children & Families' Young Professionals board of directors will hold its second cocktail reception and first art show to support children in the Bronx who are battling mental health issues on Thursday, October 27, at 6 p.m. at The East Wing, 306 East 76th St., New York, NY.

This event, beyond helping to raise much-needed funds for Astor's programs, will serve as a platform to acknowledge the creativity of the organization's children. The Paint What You Feel: Art Series uses abstract expressionist art to help emotionally charged children release those emotions in a productive, confidence-building way.

“The Board is comprised of a group of young professionals all passionate about raising awareness for children battling with mental and behavioral health issues, as well as educational issues. Events such as this help us to actively shed light on these issues by highlighting Astor's Bronx programs, including Paint What You Feel. The members of the Board all share in the same opinion that art is a powerful tool that helps our vulnerable and often times traumatized children to thrive. I am honored to be part of the Young Professionals Board and know I share in our collective excitement to serve as ambassadors for Astor Services for Children & Families,” said Nicole Giambarrese, Young Professionals Board President.

The two-hour reception and art show will include a presentation on Astor's Paint What You Feel art program from curator, Patrick Madden, plus hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Guests will also have the opportunity to buy art created by Astor's children as well as notecards with their art.

Tickets are \$75, with \$25 of the ticket price going directly to support Astor's programs in the Bronx and tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Tickets may be obtained on Astor's Web site, [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org).

Sponsors of the event include the Seymour Family, Protiviti, and Ernst & Young, LLP. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities contact Samantha Lowe, (845) 871-1171, [slowe@astorservices.org](mailto:slowe@astorservices.org), or Nathalie Tejada (646) 300-2810, [ntejada@astorservices.org](mailto:ntejada@astorservices.org).

***About Astor:***

*Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families (formerly The Astor Home for Children) has been providing behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. Now serving more than 8,000 children and families annually in over 40 locations, Astor's current range of services in the Hudson Valley (Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties) and the Bronx include: Residential Programs (for children ages 5 - 14 who have severe behavioral and mental health challenges); Early Childhood Programs (in Dutchess County, Astor operates The Early Head Start and Head Start programs, which are federal early childhood programs for low-income families); and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services (outpatient mental health services).*

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