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### BRIARWOOD ACTION NETWORK'S VALENTINE'S DAY VISIT

Briarwood, N.Y. February 17, 2015 – “I like to trace”, “I like to paste”, “pass me a heart!” These excited cries were part of the scene as enthusiastic children at the Briarwood Family Residence shared crayons, markers, heart shaped doilies, glue sticks and glitter as they created their very own Valentine cards. The Briarwood Family Residence provides transitional housing for about 90 families and 150 children of all ages and on February 13<sup>th</sup>, Briarwood Action Network (BAN) put on its third annual Valentine’s Day celebration for the children there.

PS 86Q elementary school students made cards and conveyed their personal greetings to the children living at the Residence; Pani Dolci Bakery, in Briarwood, generously donated mouth watering, red and pink cupcakes, inspiring shouts of “Oooh, how pretty.” Although the day was bitter cold, indoors the volunteers’ hearts were warm as small children asked, “Can I make one for my Mommy?”, “Will you help me make a flower?”

Director of Children's Services, Ms. Diane Colon, and the rest of the Residence Staff welcomed the BAN volunteers who arrived with greeting cards, art materials and sweets. BAN representatives greeted the children and explained, “We are here today, for Valentine’s Day, a special time to express love and friendship, because we want you to know we are all neighbors and we, your neighbors, are thinking about you, caring for you.”

[Click here](#) to see some photos from the day on the Briarwood Action Network Facebook page.

The Briarwood Action Network (BAN) is an action-centered civic group, showing care and affection for these Briarwood children, by arranging for this event and others, with community support and participation.

For additional information, or to schedule an interview with Sylvia Sherman, Project Manager for this event and Vice President of the Briarwood Action Network, e-mail Sylvia Sherman at [ssherman.ban@gmail.com](mailto:ssherman.ban@gmail.com).

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