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BRIARWOOD ACTION NETWORK SHARES THE LOVE

Briarwood, N.Y. 03/03/2014 - During the month of December, Briarwood neighbors generously donated over 200 toys to Briarwood Action Network (BAN) as part of BAN's annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive. These toys were designated for the children at the Briarwood Family Residence.

The event, originally scheduled for Valentine's Day, would not be stopped by snow! The distribution of toys and refreshments was simply rescheduled for a February 25th party for the children at the Residence, their temporary home. The event proved to be a great success.

Children entered the room, spotted the huge assortment of toys, dolls, books, puzzles, games and all, and exclaimed, "Wow, are these for us?" The children took repeated turns choosing from these appealing items. One boy chose a monkey with long, dangling legs and draped it over his shoulders. He circled the room saying, "I'll never put him down." Students from neighboring elementary school PS 86Q, with their teachers' guidance, provided hand-made greeting cards which expressed their good wishes, friendship and affection. The Pani Dolci Bakery donated mouth-watering, multi-colored cupcakes for dessert. Briarwood Action Network volunteers who attended were most gratified to have the chance to meet with and tell the children directly, that their Briarwood neighbors are thinking of them and are sharing their love. "This is a great party", was the refrain heard over and over from kids, Residence Staff and BAN visitors as all participated in the exchange of toys, cards and hearty consumption of cupcakes."

The Briarwood Action Network (BAN) is a neighborhood civic group dedicated to improving the quality of life in Briarwood, Queens.

For additional information, or to schedule an interview with Sylvia Sherman, Vice President and Co-Director of Membership at the Briarwood Action Network, e-mail Sylvia Sherman at ssherman.ban@gmail.com.

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