BronxWorks Welcomes the Hance Family Foundation for a Special Christmas Event

On Christmas Eve, the Hance Family Foundation came to the BronxWorks Classic Cornerstone Community Center for a special Christmas Event. More than 250 BronxWorks children from the Betances, Classic, and St. Mary’s Cornerstone Community Centers, as well as children from the Jackson Avenue Family Residence, joined the holiday festivities.

The gymnasium was decorated like a Winter Wonderland, and hundreds of toys were placed on top of tables so children could hand-select gifts with volunteers. The special event was a collaboration of efforts between BronxWorks, the New York City Housing Authority’s Community Programs & Development Office and the Hance Family Foundation and their team.

Before the gifts were selected, all in attendance were treated to an energized performance by the BronxWorks Classic Steppers, a children’s step team whose mission is to raise awareness against gang violence.

“It makes us feel spectacular. It’s Christmas Eve, we all sacrificed time with our friends and families, to give to people who maybe wouldn’t be able to get gifts if we weren’t here. And you’ll see over 200 kids come through this building, all of them with smiles
on their faces. It’s a spectacular and rewarding feeling,” says Warren Hance, Co-President of the Hance Family Foundation.

The Hance Family Foundation was created in honor of three sisters, Emma, Alyson and Katie Hance. The girls died in a tragic car accident in 2009. The Hance Foundation honors the lives of the three beautiful sisters by ensuring healthy, happy and safe children through innovative self-esteem educational programming and the support of children in need.