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Howard Martin
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Mr. Jeremy Warneke
District Manager, Bronx Community Board #11
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Dear Jeremy,

I can't begin to thank you enough for visiting the Bronx House on Veterans Day to speak to the participants in our Veterans Day Vacation program. I think it was a great opportunity for our young people to learn the true meaning of Veterans Day from someone who proudly served our country as a member of our military. I was especially delighted to hear how engaged the program participants were with you. And we were honored to have you join us on this important day.

Growing up, we were taught the important role our veterans played not only in time of war, but in peacetime as well. Our military has proudly protected the citizens of the United States worldwide in peacetime, unknown to many, many children. We respected our vets not only on Veterans Day but year round. While in high school, my sons played American Legion Baseball and learned a lot about veterans from our local post, participating multiple times during the year in the Post's events, including the Post's sponsored Special Needs Little League. Their favorite event was visiting the local military cemetery for Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Flag Day, and other important days during the year cleaning the graves and placing flags at all graves.

I would love to expand this opportunity to include the 135 children in our Afterschool Program at the Bronx House and the 300 teens in our Afterschool Programs at Middle School 135. Maybe you could connect us with a local Veterans group to assist us in this educational opportunity.

Thanks again for taking the time out of your busy schedule.

Sincerely,

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Howard Martin
CEO, Bronx House