



# "BEARS FROM THE HEART" District Wide GOYA Service Project

\*A Valentine's Day Project\*

"...a good friend once told me...Valentine's Day is not just for people/couples in love but for people that love one another...it could be a friend, parent, sibling, etc....it is a day for showing someone you care"

We will be making "Build-a-Bear" bears for all the children in the Ronald McDonald House in NYC.



All the bears will be distributed to the children on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

## "Bears from the Heart" Service Project Details:

1. Each participating parish will decide a day that their GOYA will go to a Build-a-Bear store location near them to make the bears for the children. This project must be completed before February 27, 2010.
2. At the Build-a-Bear store, the advisor(s) will split the GOYAs into groups depending on how many bears need to be made. (Example. 10 bears to be made....30 GOYAs participating in building a bear....then there will be 10 groups of 3 GOYAs per group)
3. Each group will make their bear following all the guidelines of the service project (meaning...which bear they can choose from...accessories, etc.) Guidelines attached. PLEASE FOLLOW ALL THE PROJECT GUIDELINES!
4. After each group has completed their bear, the advisor(s) will take a picture of the group with the bear they made. The group will also make a card. The card, the Build-a-Bear birth certificate, and picture of the group will be included in the bear gift to the child.
5. On Saturday, February 27th all the participating parishes will send one or two representatives from their parish to meet at the Ronald McDonald House at 12:30pm to "hand-deliver" the bears all the groups made. Due to the restrictions the Ronald McDonald House has, we can not have more than 1-2 representatives per parish. This will add a special touch to the whole service project!

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