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Dear Parents,

My name is Kristin Cina and I am a senior nursing student at Boston College. I am working in a practicum at Hillside School.

For the past twenty-seven years at BC, the on-campus organization I am currently president of plans an event for children with special needs from the Boston area called Festival of Friendship. This year, Festival of Friendship will take place in the recreation facility at Boston College on April 4, 2009 from 12pm-3pm. Each child who takes part in the festival is paired up with a BC student volunteer for the day who will participate in various activities with the child. We are excited to announce that this year the theme of the festival will be Disney, and we are planning to have the children participate in arts and crafts, bouncy houses, face painting, dancing, cotton candy making, and much more. Children and families will be provided with lunch and will be given the opportunity to enjoy watching a variety of Boston College performance groups throughout the day.

I would like to personally invite your child to the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston College Festival of Friendship. I have been an active member of the festival for the past three years and the children have had an amazing time each year. There are activities suited for all children, regardless of their severity, and there will be a nurse present for medical accommodations. Families are welcome to stay with their children at the event, but please feel comfortable leaving your child with us for the afternoon if you have other commitments. I take immense pride in our organization and believe that this is a great opportunity for everyone involved.

If you are interested in attending Festival of Friendship, we would like to add you to our mailing list. Please email or call me with the name of your child and your home address by March 7, 2009 so we can send you an official invitation and registration form. My information is listed below. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting your children this coming April.

Best,

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