2017 Engineering Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots originally began in 1947, founded by Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR in Los Angeles, California. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots train logo and created the first national poster.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is to collect new, unwrapped toys to distribute as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive patriotic citizens and community leaders.

The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable natural resources—our children; and to unite all members of local communities in a common cause during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign.

In 2003 the Reader’s Digest named Marine Toys for Tots Foundation America’s “Best Children’s Charity”...Forbes named Marine Toys for Tots Foundation on the Top 10 charities on the Forbes “Gold Star” list. This year, the College of Engineering will participate for the 24th year in the local campaign. We like supporting this event because every bit of money and toys collected, stay right here in Centre County.

In the past 23 years that the College of Engineering has been involved in this campaign, we have donated over $70,043 for the thousands of toys that resulted in one goal—to provide hope and joy to needy children who might otherwise miss the things that many of us take for granted. The simple gift of a toy during the holiday season may be the difference for some child between having hope and joy and perhaps of giving up. Some would say that it is only a toy, but the Marine Corps Reserve has learned over the past 69 years that it is more than that!

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile campaign, please send your checks or unwrapped new toys to the Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering Department. All money collected will be used to purchase new toys and books at Ollies—they will exempt the tax and donate 20% for our shopping spree. We will be collecting toys and donations until December 11th. We will use all monetary donations to purchase toys at a great discount and deliver the toys to the Penn Stater in time for their wrapping schedule (see below).

You can give your donations to: Wayne Royer or Lori Yarger, 132 Reber Bldg. Checks should be made payable to Wayne Royer with “Toys for Tots” written in the memo. A receipt for tax purposes will be written for all monetary donations.

If you would like to participate in the wrapping of these gifts, please report to the Penn Stater on the following dates: Friday, December 15th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm, Saturday, December 16th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, Sunday, December 17th from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. If needed, wrapping will continue Monday, December 18th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

This campaign is being organized by the Mechanical And Nuclear Engineering Charities Committee
1993  Raised over $400.00—enabled 30 children to receive 4 gifts each
1994  Raised $1,430.00 (We challenged Electrical Engineering) —enabled 91 children to receive 4 gifts each
1995  Raised $2,964.68 (We challenged Electrical Engineering)
      Purchased 673 toys and had 57 toys donated—enabled 182 children to receive 4 gifts each
1996  Raised $1,580.30—Purchased 423 toys and had 42 donated—enabled 116 children to receive 4 gifts each
1997  Raised $1,850.65—Purchased 500 toys and had 200 donated—enabled 175 children to receive 4 gifts each
1998  Raised $2,545.00—Purchased 604 toys and had 302 donated—enabled 226 children to receive 4 gifts each
1999  $2,785.00 + $270 from WalMart—plus they exempted the tax—enabled 225 children to receive 4 gifts each.
2000  $3,270.00 + $330 from WalMart—plus they exempted the tax—enabled 250 children to receive 4 gifts each.
2001  $4,550.00 + $450.15 from WalMart—plus they exempted the tax—donating
      1,047 toys—enabled 261 children to receive 4 gifts each
2002  $4,896.39 + $450.00 from WalMart—no amount of toys recorded-(estimated 1,050)
      enabled 262 children to receive 4 gifts each
2003  $3,687.50 + $350.00 from WalMart—no amount of toys recorded
2004  $3,595.59 + $112 from WalMart—no amount of toys recorded
2005  $3,557.23 in donations, $625 in gift cards from Nittany Line Hobbies and Walmart, no amount of toys
      recorded
2006  $3,650.65 in donations, 15% discount, purchased 591 toys and had over 200 donated
2007  $3,425.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s.
2008  $3,281.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s.
2009  $1,960.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s and over 122 toys donated
2010  $2,625.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s and over 507 toys donated
2011  $2,125.88 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s and over 315 toys donated
2012  $2,280.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s and over 507 toys donated
2013  $2,415.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s and over 465 toys donated
2014  $2,020.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s and over 312 toys donated
2015  $3,414.00 in donations, 20% discount from Ollie’s and over 500 toys donated
2016  $3,147.00 in donations, 25% discount from Ollie’s and over 500 toys donated

History Total: $70,043.02

With your help, We Make a Big Difference!