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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (December 12, 2014) The times for the toy distribution are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday December 15th through Friday, December 19.

TOYS FOR TOTS SEEKS TO MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER

SUFFOLK, VA (December 12, 2014) This is the time of year for giving. The Suffolk Toys for Tots event will be in a giving mood Monday, December 15th through Friday December 19th at the Robert W. Harrell, Jr. Physical Health and Education Center located at 400 Bank Street in Suffolk. Over 6,000 toys will be distributed serving over 1,250 families in Suffolk, Franklin, and surrounding communities.

The annual Toys for Tots event is a collaborative program which begins each year in August. Employees and volunteers from the Suffolk Department of Social Services and the Salvation Army select toys from vendors for children one day old to twelve years old. The toys are purchased with money from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Suffolk News-Herald Cheer Fund, the Virginian-Pilot Joy Fund, and donations from children/adults at Suffolk Public Schools. Next week, the toys will be distributed to families who are pre-registered. They will shop with volunteers from many companies, social and civic organizations, board members, and members of the community including City of Suffolk employee volunteers and Salvation Army staff.

In October, City of Suffolk employees and Salvation Army staff and volunteers registered families that will participate in the program. They also make sure the toys are organized by age and gender during the set up process and are prepared for distribution.

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