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“Toys For Tots”



During the month of December—Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center of Maryland (AOC) was a drop off location for those who wished to contribute to the Toys for Tots program. AOC collected 3 large boxes of toys.

Toys for Tots help needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas. The United States

Marines play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable natural resources—our children. Through the Toys for Tots campaign, AOC supports the Marines in uniting all members of local communities in a common cause during this holiday season collecting toys.

The Toys for Tots program alarmingly reports that approximately 14 million American children live in poverty. Studies reveal that growing up in poverty can have an adverse psychological impact on a child. One of the adverse impacts is low self-esteem - a by-product of little or no hope for the future.

The shiny new toy which millions of needy children receive each Christmas from Marines, through the Toys for Tots program, delivers a message of hope. By being excellent role models and setting an example for others to emulate, Marines, through Toys for Tots, perform passive mentoring.

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