

The time of year has come again to think about snow, warm fires on cold days, hot chocolate and holiday shopping! The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots is looking to make lots more little smiles this holiday season. With improved health and safety measures in place, we are pushing forward with our mission of bringing joy to the children of our local community. If there has ever been a year that we could all use a little Christmas magic and excitement, 2021 is certainly it. Last year we helped almost 1,100 less fortunate children in the Martin, Greene, Daviess and Lawrence County areas. Please do not pass the buck, and just let your fellow employees donate. This is a great way to directly impact local kids. Even if you only donate one toy, just remember that your one toy will likely be one of just a few that a child receives for Christmas. Our hope is that the future generations will remember the kindness shown to them for years to come, and create donors who remember the excitement of having a new toy, feeling the attached love, and picturing their own bug-eyed ear-to-ear smile on those Christmas mornings of past.

The 2021 Toy Drive is expected to run from Nov. 1st to Dec. 9th. Toy drop boxes will be at various buildings across the installation. Any building wishing to have a drop box that does not have one may request one through their building supervisor. The numbers of boxes available are very limited. If you are unable to make it to a drop box location due to our current circumstances then please feel free to ship donations directly to our central collection hub at the following address:

James LaFever
300 Hwy 361 Building 10 FD
Crane, IN
47522

All toy boxes will be picked up throughout the day Thursday, Dec. 9th.

Guidelines for Toys For Tots 2021:

- Only new toys will be accepted.
- Please do not wrap toys/gifts!! (For Security Purposes)
- No money will be accepted nor solicited in any form for any reason.
- Fast food franchise toys will not be counted or distributed due to child safety concerns.
- Holiday treats or candies will be immediately discarded if found due to child safety concerns.
- All collection boxes are considered unattended and must have local contact information on each box for tax purposes (Pension Protection Act of 2006).
- Collection boxes will be at various locations across the NSA/NSWC/CAAA areas.
- We will collect toys from filled drop boxes by request when needed.
- Please direct questions to James LaFever or Corey VanMeter @ 812-854-1235.

Thank you in advance for all of your wonderful support!
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!

James LaFever
Toys For Tots Coordinator

