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Area Children to Benefit from SRS “Toys for Tots” Campaign

Over two decades of toy collection merit special celebration

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 12, 2013) – Employees at the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site (SRS) are celebrating more than 20 years of supporting the U.S. Marine Reserves Toys for Tots campaign with the collection of more than 15,000 toys this year alone and over 220,000 toys since the start of SRS Toys for Tots campaigns in 1991.

“Many families throughout the Central Savannah River Area have been hit hard by the continuing recession,” said Julie Kirby, Chair, SRS Toys for Tots Campaign. “Our hearts and now our gifts go out to those in need, many of whom consist of the working poor and single mothers. We hope to brighten Christmas day for their children and lighten the burden they carry day to day.”

Today’s event marks one of the largest toy contributions to date at SRS, an effort requiring several large trucks and numerous volunteers.

In addition, both Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and Savannah River Remediation corporate personnel demonstrated their respective support with monetary gifts to further add to the success of this year’s program.



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The annual event is sponsored by SRS construction employees with the participation of the Department of Energy-Savannah River; National Nuclear Security Administration-Savannah River; Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Remediation; URS Site Testing Contracts; WSI Savannah River Site Team; Parsons; The Augusta Building and Construction Trade Council; and Baker Concrete. These companies and employees contribute in a variety of ways, including the donating of unwrapped toys, adopting a “Christmas Angel” or making a monetary contribution.

For the twelfth year, SRS construction employees also sponsored the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program, enabling SRS employees to adopt 575 area children.

Toys for Tots began in 1947, when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles, collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign.

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