



SANT NIRANKARI MISSION

(Universal Brotherhood)
Washington DC Metropolitan Area Spiritual Center
Toys for Tots Drive Nov-Dec 2015

With the blessing of His Holiness Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj, members of Sant Nirankari Mission Washington DC Chapter organized its 4th annual Toys for Tots drive for the United States Marine Corps for the holiday season. This year marks the 68th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign. The program is dedicated to bringing a message of hope to disadvantaged children helping them learn the meaning of holiday giving through the gift of a new, unwrapped toy.

In 2013 Toys for Tots received a record setting amount of monetary donations totaling nearly \$249 million and delivered over than 18 million toys to over 7.9 million children throughout the U.S. and its protectorates. Unfortunately, with millions of children living in poverty, Toys for Tots needs our help more than ever to achieve the goal of delivering a toy to every child in need.

The Toys for Tots Program began in 1947 after Major Bill Hendricks (USMCR) and a group of U.S. Marine Corps reservists found there was no charity which distributed toys to deserving children during the traditional Christmas season. In that first year, they collected and distributed more than 5,000 toys to children in the Los Angeles area. The campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted the program in 1948.

The effort began on November 30th and continued until December 20th, 2015. Large sums of new toys for all ages were collected including dolls, stuffed animals, animal house and remote control cars. All donations were dropped at Safety center in South Riding, VA at 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, VA 20152 on December 20th 2015. May we always remember Baba Ji's message and follow in his footsteps to spread love, kindness, and wish goodwill for all through our words and actions. We pray to his holiness that we can continue our participation in events that help those in need.



The rewarding experience of helping complete strangers through selfless service brings warmth to the hearts and defines the true meaning of selflessness.

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