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SRS “Toys for Tots” Campaign Creates a Happy Holiday for Area Children

AIKEN, S.C., December 4, 2020 – Savannah River Site (SRS) employees have donated more than 5,500 toys for this year’s Toys for Tots and Angel Tree campaigns, which increases the number of total toys donated since 1991 to more than 400,000.

As part of an important annual tradition that benefits less fortunate children in the Central Savannah River Area, the contractors at SRS have partnered with the Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree programs.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Savannah River Remediation and Centerra provided corporate checks to further add to the success of this year’s toy drive.

“We are annually amazed and greatly pleased with number of toys and monetary donations contributed to us and the Aiken Toys for Tots organization by the employees of the Savannah River Site,” said Gregory Smith, Coordinator, Augusta Toys for Tots.

At the close of each year’s SRS Toys for Tots celebration, Santa leads trucks full of unwrapped presents in a parade formation from the Site to area distribution centers.

“Due to the COVID pandemic, a lot of things look different while we face new and unique challenges,” said Seneca



Site employees recently celebrated the collection of more than more than 2,500 toys during this year’s SRS Toys for Tots campaign. Jennifer Abraham (left) and Candice Gordon repair a Toys for Tots donation box

Johnson, SRS Toys for Tots Chairperson. “However, our employees are passionate about supporting kids in need throughout the entire region, especially during the holiday season. This will be a very special Christmas to remember for thousands of children, thanks to all of the big hearts found here.”

For nearly two decades, employees also sponsored the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program, enabling SRS employees to adopt more than 560 local children, giving toys and clothing to specific Angel Tree recipients.

According to Johnson, this program also allows Angel adopters the personal joy of fulfilling the child’s specific Christmas wish. “I believe no child should go without the fun and excitement of receiving a Christmas gift,” said Johnson.

Once the toys are sorted, Aiken Marines distribute the gifts to children in Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell and Edgefield counties, as well as the cities and towns of North Augusta, Beech Island, Belvedere, Williston, Salley and Couchton. The Marines from Augusta supply toys to Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington and Wilkes counties and the town of Wrens.

This annual event is managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and supported by the Department of Energy-Savannah River; National Nuclear Security Administration-Savannah River, SRNS, Savannah River Remediation, Centerra Group, Augusta Building Trades and Parsons. These companies and employees contribute in a variety of ways, from donating toys to making monetary contributions.

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