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SRS Believes in Christmas Miracles

AIKEN, S.C. December 13, 2022 – For over 30 years, the Savannah River Site (SRS) has continued their Christmas tradition of giving to thousands of children in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) through the Marine Corps Toys for Tots and Salvation Army Angel Tree Program.

SRS employees donated more than 20,000 toys and adopted 600 children for the Angel Tree program for this year’s campaign.

In addition to the toys collected, over $26,000 was raised, which surpassed the Site’s original goal of $25,000.

During the annual SRS Toys for Tots celebration, SRS Angel Tree and Toys for Tots Chair Theresa Houston thanked employees for their generous donations and for helping make the campaign a continued success each year.

“Every year, SRS adopts the most angels and contributes the most dollars to the Toys for Tots campaign,” Houston said.

Aiken and Barnwell County Toys for Tots Coordinator Joe Williams has been participating in the campaign for the past five years. He continues to be amazed at the incredible number of toys and bikes collected each year and the depth of generosity that comes from SRS employees.

“Thank you for your generosity in giving toys and for supporting us for so many years. We really appreciate the efforts you guys have made in serving the families in need throughout the Central Savannah River Area,” Williams said.

Since 1991, SRS employees have donated more than 400,000 toys to the SRS Toys for Tots and Angel Tree campaigns.

“There is something very special about the Savannah River Site. They have a long and strong history of being a big contributor to the community,” Houston said. “It’s really impressive to me how the newer employees have stepped up and contributed so much to this campaign.”
At the close of the celebration, employees gathered to help load trucks with toys and bikes to be delivered to multiple Salvation Army locations across the CSRA.

The Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program in Augusta, Georgia service the following areas: Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington, Wilkes and Wrens.

The Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program in Aiken, South Carolina service the following communities: Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, North Augusta, Beech Island, Belvedere, Williston, Salley and Couchton.

This annual event is managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and supported by the Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, National Nuclear Security Administration-Savannah River Field Office, Savannah River Mission Completion, Centerra-SRS, Augusta Building Trades and Parsons. These companies and employees contribute in a variety of ways, from donating toys to making monetary contributions.