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SRS Employees Exceed Major Christmas Milestone with Toys Donated to Local “Toys for Tots” Campaign

More than 20,000 Christmas gifts collected this year alone

AIKEN, S.C., December 5, 2019 – Savannah River Site (SRS) employees have donated more than 400,000 toys since 1991 for area children to benefit the annual Toys for Tots and Angel Tree campaign.

Partnering with the Marine Corps Reserve’s Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree Program to benefit less fortunate children in the Central Savannah River Area has been an important tradition supported by the largest contractor companies at SRS.

The total SRS contribution for the 2019 Toys for Tots Campaign was more than 20,000 toys and 600 bikes.

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

At the close of each year’s SRS Toys for Tots celebration, trucks full of presents leave the site in parade formation led by Santa Claus and his helpers.

According to SRS Toys for Tots Chairperson Danielle Elliott, the incredible generosity of SRS employees is what impresses her the most. “It warms my heart to see the expression of love for the children in our community. It is truly an act of showing someone you care for them,” she said.



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“Christmas is a magical time for kids. Every child should experience the excitement of opening a gift on Christmas morning,” said Elliott. “Without the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program, so many children wouldn’t be able to celebrate Christmas. This program also gives the person adopting an angel the personal experience of fulfilling the child’s Christmas wish, and knowing they are a part of their joy on Christmas morning.”

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, LLC and supported by the Department of Energy-Savannah River; National Nuclear Security Administration-Savannah River; Savannah River Remediation LLC; Centerra Group, LLC; Augusta Building Trades; and Parsons. These companies and employees contribute in a variety of ways, from donating toys to making monetary contributions.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor-led company with Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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