

### Toys for Tots Kickoff



The Toys for Tots 2017 Christmas campaign Kickoff was held at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Morven on Sunday, October 8.

The Toys for Tots Foundation is the largest non-profit organization in the world. It all began in 1947, with a hand crafted doll, Raggedy Ann, and a Marine who heard a mother's prayer that her

kids would not get anything for Christmas. Marine Reserve Major Bill Hendrick and his wife shared with this less fortunate family, and this was the beginning of Toys for Tots. Major Hendrick and members of his Marine Reserve Unit collected and distributed 5,000 toys the first year. The seed was planted and Toys for Tots was born.

The following year, in 1948, the Marine Corps Reserve adopted the program and collected and distributed toys in 74 communities nationwide. The Toys for Tots program has grown tremendously since its inception. Today Toys for Tots serves nearly 800 local communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

In 2011 Toys for Tots came to Anson County under the guidance of County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant. Sturdivant said, "During our first campaign we were blessed to collect and distribute toys to over 1,500 children. Since then the number has grown to over 3,000 children. Each year the need gets greater. Now more than ever we need the assistance of our community, businesses, churches, schools and citizens to make this program a continued success."

During the Toys for Tots conference held in September at the National Conference Center in Washington, DC, Anson County's local campaign was recognized for having a successful campaign each year.

"Businesses, churches, schools, citizens and our elected officials are very important to us," continued Sturdivant. "It's a way you can give back to your community and to our less fortunate children and families. You can support Toys for Tots through a monetary donation or purchasing toys."

You may drop your toys off at the following drop-off sites:

- Harvest Ministries Outreach Center
- Grace Senior Center
- Department of Social Services
- Gumby's, Lilesville
- All schools will have toys drop boxes

Citizens will also be able to pick up applications for help at the above locations and the Anson county Health Department. Toys for Tots Coordinator Sturdivant concluded, "Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, good will and love for our fellow man. It is a time of giving and helping others, especially those who are less fortunate. I challenge each one of you to give. Bless someone. Working together as a team, we can make this year's campaign one of the best."

Please make donation checks out to: Toys for Tots / Anson. For further information please contact Assistant Coordinator Dr. Bernice Bennett at 704-694-6616, Secretary Debra Rosebud at 704-695-2963 or Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

### Library to Present 13 Part Series Entitled *World War 2 In Color* - Begins Today

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing the 13-part documentary series *World War 2 In Color* every last Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. starting on Wednesday, October 25.

Here is the documentary synopsis: When the war came to America in December of 1941, the film industry went to war along with the rest of the United States. Shot at the front, with some of the filmmakers facing the same danger as the fighting men, you will also see some of the war's most memorable war correspondents. Now footage of the most dramatic moments from World War II is presented in color and high definition for this historical documentary series. Narrated by English actor Robert Powell, *World War II In Color* is a vivid in-depth experience that provides viewers with new insight and information.

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