



1992 is the benchmark year that the Marines of Shawnee Detachment 812, Marine Corps league began to collect toys in Southern Illinois in order to provide some Christmas joy to less fortunate children. Visionaries such as Harry Simpson, Gene Bovee and Robby Hookham set the stage for a tradition that has steadily grown into 2017.

In **2002**, the Marines joined forces with the Toys for Tots Foundation in order to enhance their ability to collect and distribute toys.

For **25** years, the demand has grown steadily. Fortunately, it has been met due to the generosity of good people willing to help.

In **2016**, the Shawnee Detachments Toys for Tots Campaign provided 10,036 toys to 3,292 children in five the counties of Franklin, Jackson, Saline, Union and Williamson. Nationally, Toys for Tots distributed 18 million toys and 1.5 million books to 7 million less fortunate children. 97.3% of all donated dollars go toward providing holiday gifts.

All money and toys collected in Southern Illinois stay in Southern Illinois.



**Thank-you for participating in Toys for Tots!
Important information for you regarding the
2017 Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots annual toy collection for Carbondale**

Local Organization: Shawnee Detachment #812,
Marine Corps League

Toys for Tots Coordinator: John Morgan (618) 985-6128
Carbondale Coordinators: Skip & Patty Cosgrove, Gaia McVey
(618)967-9462, (618) 201-2808, (618) 967-3883
Phil Lindberg (618) 967-9239

Toy Collection Dates: *November 16, 2017 through December 13, 2017*
Collection Box Final Pickup: *December 14, 2017*

Collection Locations in C'dale- 2017: 70
Usual Collection Day: *Thursdays*

- **Is your box full of toys and it's not Thursday? Please call your Carbondale Coordinators and we will do our best to pick up.**
- **Call us if you want your box or box of toys picked up.**
- **Please Do Not Discard our Box. We reuse our collection boxes**
- **Please Display the Toys for Tots box in a prominent location**

For more information: www.toysfortots.org and locally
www.herrin.il.toysfortots.org (Shawnee Detachment)

In December, 2016, Toys for Tots distributed toys to 1,140 children in 338 families in Carbondale. A total of 10,036 toys were distributed to 3,292 children in 5 counties in Southern Illinois.

**Carbondale Toy Distribution:
Saturday, 12/16/17, 10am-2pm at Carbondale Fire Dept. North Glenview Station**