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OOH RAH ! and THANK YOU from the Marines of Heartland Detachment to the Brainerd Lakes community for the great support of the recent Toys For Kids program. Again this year, your generosity provided Christmas gifts for nearly 900 children. More than 400 family bags were distributed on December 15th.

This was the 30th consecutive year this locally supported program has served families in need. In addition to the work by Heartland Detachment and Auxiliary members, more than 350 volunteer hours were contributed by the local community and businesses. And nearly 100 businesses and organizations supported the collection of toys and donations.

A special thanks is due to 3Wi radio for their loyal dedication in promoting the program; to the Green Lantern for their annual event and to the Salvation Army for their assistance and cooperation for many years. Thanks also to Kohl's employees for their 76 hours of volunteer service.

Since this is entirely a local program, the local economy benefited from an estimated \$45,000.00 through the purchase and donation of toys and gifts.

Thanks to all of our supporters from the families and children we serve.

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