

NEWS BULLETIN

MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION



Triangle, Virginia – March 23, 2007 – Today, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Triangle Land Corporation and Mike Garcia Construction Company, Inc. conducted the “Groundbreaking” as the precursor to the construction of a new office facility for Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The Foundation’s office building will be constructed on a 2.5 acre parcel of land located at 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, Virginia, approximately 36 miles south of Washington, DC. Construction will begin during the week of March 26 and the building is scheduled for completion during December 2007.

The ceremony, attended by approximately 85 people, lasted from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Major Brian A. Murray, USMC (Ret), Vice President for Operations of Marine Toys for Tots Foundation served as the Master of Ceremonies for the groundbreaking ceremony. A Marine Color Guard from Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia opened the ceremony by presenting the U.S. National Colors and the U.S. Marine Corps Colors. The Marine Corps Base, Quantico Marine Band played the National Anthem. LT. Kermit Jones, CHC, USN, also of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, delivered an inspiring prayer to bless the land on which the new building will be constructed. The President & CEO, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation (LtGen Matthew T. Cooper, USMC (Ret)) briefly addressed the attendees. The groundbreaking was accomplished by the following dignitaries: General William L. Nyland, USMC (Ret), Chairman of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation Board of Directors, LtGen Ronald Coleman, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower & Reserve Affairs, representing the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Mrs. Maureen Caddigan, Dumfries District Supervisor, Prince William County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Michael Garcia, President & CEO, Mike Garcia Construction Company and LtGen Matthew T. Cooper, USMC (Ret). To conclude the ceremony, the Marine Band played The Marines’ Hymn. Attendees included Marine Corps and Prince William County dignitaries, representatives of The Triangle Land Company and Mike Garcia Construction Company, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation Board of Directors and an array of sponsors, donors and business partners of Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

A reception for attendees was held in an adjacent building also constructed by the Mike Garcia Construction Company. During a ceremony at the end of the reception, LtGen Henry P. Osman, USMC (Ret), Executive Vice President of Marine Toys for Tots Foundation presented Marine Corps caps and logo shirts to Mrs. Traci Cole – the Foundation’s realtor and Mr. Michael Garcia as tokens of appreciation for their support of this project. LtGen Cooper, during a brief speech, explained to the attendees that the Foundation urgently needed a new office facility to enable an increase of the staff to accommodate the dramatic growth in the Toys for Tots program over the past 13.5 years and the expectation that Toys for Tots will continue to grow in the years ahead. Even though the Toys for Tots program reached a record 7.6 million needy children in 2006, there are 13 million American children living in poverty. To have any hope of continuing to reach more of these 13 million children, the Foundation must have a facility that will

accommodate a staff of sufficient size to properly support the needs of local Toys for Tots coordinators. Mrs. Maureen Caddigan addressed the attendees and explained how excited the County Board of Supervisors is to have the national headquarters of Marine Toys for Tots Foundation located in Prince William County. General William L. Nyland concluded the reception by thanking the attendees for their support, commending Mr. Garcia for undertaking the construction of the Foundation's new building and thanking Mrs. Caddigan for the strong support Prince William County is providing this project.

The refurbishment, over the next ten years, of the portion of U.S. Highway # 1 from north of the location of the Foundation's new office building to a location south of the National Museum of the Marine Corps is an important element of the Prince William County master development plan. The Foundation's office building will be in a key location in this re-developed area.

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