



# Marine Toys for Tots Foster Care Initiative



*Champions for those in Foster Care*



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# OVERVIEW

**The Marine Toys for Tots Foster Care initiative came to fruition in 2022. The initiative provides resources that help these children during extremely stressful and trying times with the goal of reducing their anxiety and making a positive impact in their lives.**

*"When I became the President & CEO of Toys for Tots, I knew we could be more than a Christmastime charity. Part of that intent was to assist foster families and foster children. I wanted to involve the entire community to assist us in providing items such as backpacks and educational toys, books, and other gifts," said LtGen Laster, CEO of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.*

## Why should you donate to our Foster Care initiative?

***Your donation will positively impact children living in the Foster Care system because:***

- They leave their homes with only a small plastic bag of their belongings.
- These children are being removed from everything that they know, being placed in a completely unknown situation.
- You can provide foster children with resources that help them during very challenging and uncertain times with the goal of reducing their anxiety and making a positive impact on their lives.
- Many foster children have been through so much, and the smallest gestures can make a difference.

## Initiative Highlights:

- The Program enlists support from local organizations and departments across the Nation to distribute toys, books, educational resources, and other gifts.
- The initiative kicked off in Warner Robins, Georgia in 2022 and distributed over 400 backpacks filled with toys, books, and school supplies to local foster children.
- 400 foster children were supported in Buena Park, CA in 2023
- 400 foster children were supported in Quincy, IL in 2023
- 200 foster children were supported in Mt. Laurel, NJ in 2023
- 2,100 foster children supported in Tucson, AZ in 2023

## How to Donate:

***Individuals can support our Toys for Tots Foster Care Initiative and provide hope to children living in Foster Care by making a 100% tax deductible online donation.***

**Visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) to donate today.**

