



December 29, 2016

Dear Mira Bay Residents;

From the first handmade doll to the current collection of over \$274 million dollars of goods, services, and funds; the Toys for Tots program has continued to focus its attention on the less fortunate in our local community. By working together as a group, it allows the program to spend ninety-seven cents out of every dollar on toys. This level of success would not be possible without our donors – namely you!

The Toys for Tots program measures its success in smiles, those huge, happy, Christmas morning grins as the needy local community children open their presents. We remain primarily behind the scenes, ensuring all credit is given to the family. Acknowledgement and recognition is given out in a hug or a “thank you” from a tearfully grateful parent, but rarely to any of our hundreds of contributors.

However, your donations are appreciated – more than we can ever express. You are the swift, silent, and jolly elves that ensure the spirit of Christmas is ever present. We truly could not do it without you!!

On behalf of the entire Hillsborough County Toys for Tots team, I want to thank you for your efforts this and every year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Fordham".

Christopher Fordham
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Hillsborough County, Florida