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## AREA CHILDREN TO BENEFIT FROM SRS TOY CAMPAIGN

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 13)—U.S. Marine Corps Reservists collected their largest area toy contribution today at the Savannah River Site. Employees at the Site donated an estimated 11,350 toys and \$9,700 during the site’s 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Drive.

The annual event is sponsored by the employees of SRS’s Construction Department with the support and participation of many of the various SRS organizations, contractors and building trades. These employees contribute in a variety of ways, such as donating unwrapped toys, filling holiday stockings, adopting a “Christmas Angel” or making a monetary contribution.

For the sixth year, Construction was also a sponsor of the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program, enabling SRS employees to adopt 114 area children. Many SRS employees chose to give more than 2540 clothing and accessory items to Angel Tree recipients. About 250 Christmas stockings were also filled by employees for area children. Other fund-raising events were also part of the campaign.

SRS Toys for Tots Chair Sheri Still said, “SRS Construction employees are proud to be able to do so much for the Marines’ Toys for Tots campaign and for the Salvation Army’s efforts to make Christmas happy for children who would do without. It’s easy for us to get enthusiastic about this.”

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Since the origination of the toy drive in 1991, employees have contributed more than 189,681 toys to the Marine-sponsored program.

Michael Graham, Director of Projects, Design and Construction Services for WSRC, said he is proud to be part of the Construction Department's ambitious efforts in sponsoring this site campaign. "Everybody at SRS pulls together to help make sure area children have a chance to get toys for Christmas. It is very gratifying to be part of this kind of team spirit. Construction does an outstanding job of coordinating the effort."

Manager of Construction and Startup Services Ben Young added, "I can't say enough about the generosity and enthusiasm of our Construction folks. It's obvious they enjoy working hard for the community's less fortunate. This effort brings an extra measure of the happiness of the season to our neighbors' children."

Bechtel Savannah River Incorporated donated \$2000 and Wackenhut Services, Inc. contributed \$500. The Augusta Building Trades, along with its local craft unions (Painters Local 1756 District Council 77, Boilermakers Local 687, Asbestos Workers Local 92, Carpenters and Millwrights Local 283, Electricians Local 1579, Ironworkers Local 709, Laborers Local 515, Operating Engineers Local 470, Teamsters Local 509, Sheetmetal Workers Local 399, Cement Masons Local 33 and Pipefitters Local 150), contributed a combined total of \$7,100. In addition, the United Riders Motorcycle Club of Springfield, SC donated \$100 to this year's drive via the Construction-led campaign. Altogether these donations total \$9,700.

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