



Meeting Date: January 11, 2021
 Agenda Item No:

<u>Kitsap County Board of Commissioners</u>		
Department: Commissioners Staff Contact: Rebecca Pirtle		
Title: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOYS FOR TOTS KITSAP FOUNDATION		
Recommended Action: Move to Adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Toys for Tots Kitsap Foundation		
Summary:	Commissioners are asked to approve the resolution recognizing the contributions of Toys for Tots Kitsap Foundation, which has organized the annual Toys for Tots program for 38 years. In 2020, despite restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Toys for Tots Kitsap, run solely by volunteers, collected over 15,000 toys that were distributed to 2,657 children and 874 families at a drive-through event Dec. 19, 2020 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The program is generously supported by individuals, local businesses, the Navy, Marine Corps Reserve and many other community partnerships.	
Attachments:	Resolution	
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>		
Expenditure required for this specific action:	NA	
Total cost including all related costs:	NA	
Related Revenue:	NA	
Cost Savings:	NA	
Total Fiscal Impact:	NA	
Source of Funds:	NA	
<u>Fiscal Impact (DAS) Review</u>		
Departmental Coordination		
Department	Representative	Recommendation/Comments
Commissioners	Rebecca Pirtle	Approve

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RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TOYS FOR TOTS KITSAP FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Toys for Tots program began in Kitsap County 38 years ago in 1982 by retired Marines in partnership with the Marine Corps Reserve to support local families during the holidays; and

WHEREAS, Marine Toys for Tots began nationally in 1947 and now distributes an average of 18 million toys to 7 million children annually in over 800 communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 despite restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, over 15,000 toys were collected and distributed to 2,657 children and 874 families in Kitsap County at a drive-through event December 19, 2020 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Toys for Tots Kitsap program is run exclusively by dedicated volunteers who plan and promote the annual event, raise funds, foster community partnerships, store and sort toy donations, coordinate vehicles to collect toys from drop-off sites, sponsor toy-raising events, register families and distribute the toys to children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the people of Kitsap County and local organizations generously support Toys for Tots each year with donations of funds and toys; and

WHEREAS, local businesses and Navy facilities support the program by placing donation boxes in their stores and offices to collect toys for distribution and raise awareness of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Toys for Tots Foundation also donates toys to Kitsap County food banks to help families unable to attend the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and extends gratitude to the Toys for Tots Kitsap Foundation and its volunteers for their extraordinary contributions, generosity and dedication over many decades to support local families, spread cheer throughout our communities and happiness to children. These selfless volunteers exemplify the spirit of holiday giving and the best of Kitsap County.

ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2021.

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT GELDER, CHAIR

EDWARD E. WOLFE, COMMISSIONER

CHARLOTTE GARRIDO, COMMISSIONER

Attest:

Dana Daniels, Clerk of the Board