

## Toys for Tots

# The Joy of Giving

Once again the season of giving is upon us. While for many people this may mean hitting the malls to do their holiday shopping, others in the Eugene/Springfield area are participating in a different kind of giving this year.

The holidays traditionally bring with them a heightened awareness of the great needs of the less fortunate. In the Eugene/Springfield community, several organizations have united with one another to help those in need.

"Toys for Tots" is a 45-year holiday tradition established to help provide needy families with toys for their children. The Christmas gift program is co-sponsored by the International Association of Firefighters and the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

New, unwrapped toys and cash donations are being collected, between now and Dec. 18 at Eugene and Springfield Fire stations and also at the Marine Corps Reserve Center. The toys are collected and unwrapped so they may be categorized by age and gender for distribution to the needy children.

"For some kids, the toy we provide is their only toy," said Mike Moskoritz, publicity chairman for Toys for Tots. "We know from the bright smiles on children's faces and from the grateful appreciation from their parents, that the simple fact of a shiny, new toy — something that most of us take for granted — can make a tremendous difference in the life of a child."

Last year approximately 5,000 children in the Eugene/Springfield area received toys through the program. Moskovitz said the need this year will probably be even greater.

"Our volunteers work very hard to make Toys for Tots a success, but we could never do it without the support of concerned citizens and businesses," Moskovitz said. "It's a way all of us can give back to the community and to less fortunate children."

If you know of a need child, or want to know more information



Photo by Dylan Coulter  
Sergeant Kroto helps provide toys for needy children throughout Eugene and Springfield during the holidays.

about the Toys for Tots program, call 683-0069.

Another program to help out those in need is off and running this holiday season. The Oregon Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation is sponsoring the 1992 "Jingle Bell Run & Walk" for Arthritis on Dec. 12.

This holiday theme fundraising event takes fun-runners, walkers and serious road-racers on a scenic tour of one of Eugene's most beautiful parks and Willamette River Greenway bike paths.

The event will start and finish at Alton Baker Park in Eugene. The 8-K road race, 2-mile fun walk and half mile kid's candy cane fun run, comes complete with t-shirts, refreshments and random prize drawings, as well as awards for top finishers and fundraisers.

The Jingle Bell Run includes both individual and team participation opportunities for families, friends, student groups and busi-

nesses. Additional competitions open to all participants and volunteers include holiday costume and caroling contests.

Participants may register at Nike Eugene in 5th Street Public Market through Dec. 11 or at Alton Baker Park through Dec. 12, by either collecting pledges or paying an entry fee.

"We want to make this a fun and joyous experience for all participants as well as a successful fundraising event for the Arthritis Foundation Oregon Chapter," said Diana Donner, Foundation Special Events Coordinator.

If you would like additional information on registering or volunteering for the Jingle Bell Run, call 343-3482.

These and many other opportunities, to give to those who really need it this holiday season, exist in the Eugene/Springfield area.

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