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SXU Hosts Fourth Annual Toys for Tots Drive

Chicago (Nov. 12, 2015) With the holiday season right around the corner, Saint Xavier University (SXU) wants to spread a little holiday cheer by proudly collecting toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program **now until Thursday, Dec. 10.**

Since 1947, the U.S. Marine Corps annually collects toys at Christmas for less fortunate children in an effort to send them a message of hope that will help them grow into responsible, productive and patriotic citizens.

SXU will be accepting new unwrapped toys at multiple donation locations across their Chicago Campus, 3700 West 103rd Street, which include: Student Veteran Resource Center; Shannon Center; McDonough Chapel; Graham School of Management; Office of Records and Advising; Office of Admission; Student Life Office; Nursing Department; Center of Instructional Design and Academic Technology (CIDAT) Lounge; and Gilhooley's Grande Saloon.

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The objectives of the annual Toys for Tots drive are to help children in need experience the joy of Christmas, to nurture the development of children, to unite members of local communities in a common cause and to contribute to the future betterment of communities. In the 63 years since the Toys for Tots program began, the Marines have distributed more than 419 million toys to more than 195 million underprivileged children.

This is the fourth year SXU has participated in this program and will continue to support and distribute toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community.

About Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

Toys for Tots, a 63-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children recognition, confidence and a positive memory of a lifetime. It is such experiences that help children become responsible citizens and caring members in their community. Last year the Marine Corps fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 7.4 million less fortunate children. Since 1947 over 195 million children have been assisted. For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org.

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