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### **Lighthouse donates Christmas toys to Marine Toys for Tots Foundation**

TYLER, Texas – The employees of the East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind presented Christmas toys and bikes to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation during their annual Christmas banquet.

The Lighthouse employee toy drive collected 35 bikes and over 150 toys for children ages 2-13. Academy Sports and Outdoors donated a \$100 gift card to the Lighthouse which enabled them to purchase additional toys.

“It makes me proud to work for a company that has so many generous people. I’m glad our organization was able to contribute to such a worthwhile cause,” said Lee Tillson, director of operations.

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The U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting office of Tyler provided a color guard for the banquet. The Marines who participated were: Staff Sergeant Brandon Laird, Lance Corporal Robert Townsend, Private First Class Justin Martin, First Class Caleb Daniel and Private Matthew Covey. Larry Adkins, local community organization contact for Toys for Tots was also present to accept the donation.

“It shows that these people have kind and giving hearts. A lot of times they put other’s needs before their own. Their generosity and caring for man...that’s kind of hard to beat,” Larry Adkins, local community organization contact for Toys for Tots.

Visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) for more information and to learn how to donate.

The Lighthouse has three operating divisions: Horizon Industries, Lighthouse Graphics and East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind Rehabilitative Services which services the 46 counties of East Texas. To learn more about the programs and services at The Lighthouse visit [www.tylerlighthouse.org](http://www.tylerlighthouse.org) or call 903.595.3444.

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