

# Press Release

## Zion Baptist Church Partners with the U.S. Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” Campaign on Tuesday, December 15, 2020



**WASHINGTON, D.C. ---** The Men’s Ministry of Zion Baptist Church, in collaboration with its annual Operation Joy Program, partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” Campaign on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 in order to distribute gifts to needy children and families in the Ward Four community. Congratulations to Deacon Frank L. Joe, Jr., Operation Joy Coordinator, Rev. Alfonso Campbell, III, Minister for Ministry Developments and Community Engagements, Rev. Emanuel Lipscomb, Associate Minister, and Trustee David J. Saunders, President of the Men’s Ministry for their outstanding leadership in this effort. Special thanks also to the Women’s Ministry volunteers led by Min. Angela Ballard and Deacon Debbie Moon.

The basic mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute them to less fortunate children every Christmas season. The primary goal of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is, through the gift of a new toy, to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America’s less fortunate children. In order to better execute the Program, the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) was created in 1991 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization at the behest of the Marine Corps.

Rev. Dr. Keith W. Byrd, Sr. the Pastor of Zion Baptist Church thanked all of those that volunteered in making this event a great success. With an estimated thirty volunteers approximately one thousand children and families were given gifts and Pastor Byrd stated that *“Zion Baptist Church has been truly blessed in the many years that it has conducted its Operation Joy Program and we are greatly appreciative of the wonderful opportunity to partner with the U.S. Marine Corps this year in bringing joy to those who are less fortunate in our community”*.

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