



Dear Friends of the Nittany Leathernecks,

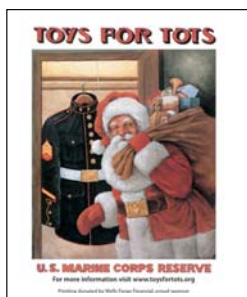
We are once again inviting you to participate in our annual Centre County Toys for Tots campaign kick-off breakfast. We value your support and hope you will join us...

**Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Ramada Inn Atrium Room**

**State College**

Your invitation form, with background information, is included in this correspondence. Thank you for your previous support. We hope to see you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.



Semper Fi,

*Gene Weller*

Major, USMCR, (Ret)

Chairman

Centre County Toys for Tots

For more information about this year's campaign, please be sure to check out our web site at:

[<http://marines.centreconnect.org>](http://marines.centreconnect.org)

Click on the Toys for Tots train logo for quick access to important information,



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Your invitation to attend...



**2008 Nittany Leathernecks Annual Toys for Tots Kick-off Breakfast**

The annual Nittany Leathernecks Toys for Tots Kick-off breakfast will be held this year at the **Ramada Inn Atrium Room in State College (1450 South Atherton Street) on... Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

The breakfast serves as an opportunity to meet fellow supporters within the community. The event also serves as the official media kick-off for the campaign. Your presence will add to the excitement and enthusiasm we expect to generate. We think you will enjoy the presentations.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional representatives: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**

Mail or fax to:  
Gene Weller  
c/o Allstate Insurance  
1380 N. Atherton St.  
State College, PA 16803

Fax: (814) 234-9831



- Will attend breakfast kick-off
- Will NOT be able to attend, but would like to participate in the 2008 program
- Please delete me from your database

**RSVP please by mailing this form by Thursday, 13 November 2008 (with check or money order-no cash please). Make payable to: "Nittany Leathernecks Detachment (MCL T4T)".** Faxes may also be sent to reserve a seat or table. Payment at the door will be acceptable. Please remember that we are responsible for the reservation set-up with the caterer. If you don't show up after registering, we must cover that expense out of our limited Toys for Toys budget, which takes away from our program objective/resources. The cost this year will be \$11.00 per person. Should you have any questions, please contact **Gene Weller at 234-9831.**

"Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven" - Henry Ward Beecher

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As many of you may already know, Centre County Toys for Tots works hand in hand with the seven Centre County Food Banks. This is our primary means of distributing toys to our needy children. As we had done last year and was very successful, we are again asking everyone to assist in an effort to collect food for the food banks. More information may be found on the message included from Bob Ott, Director of the Centre County Adult Services Office.

From Bob Ott, Director, Centre County Adult Services Office

The Centre County Office of Adult Services administers the State funded components of our county food bank network, which includes area food banks in Bellefonte, Centre Hall, Howard, Millheim, Philipsburg, Snow Shoe, and State College.

We have collaborated for many years with the Centre County Toys for Tots Program staged by the Nittany Leathernecks Detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League, and served as their distribution points for the Toys for Tots Program. Families receive food and toys through their local food banks during the holiday season.

Donna and Gene Weller, Chairpersons of the Centre County Toys for Tots Program, initiated a sister program last year to collect food for the needy families receiving Toys for Tots to replace decreased State funds and meet the escalating demand for food assistance through the food banks.

The demand increased last fiscal year over the previous year by 154 unduplicated households with 417 additional persons. This increase brought the total number served by our food bank network to 1,583 unduplicated households, comprised of 3,554 persons (1,125 children, 1,690 adults, and 739 elderly) countywide.

Needy families across Centre County are feeling the pain of escalating costs for their very basic needs including food, transportation, medical, housing, and heating assistance. The Toys for Tots Program wishes to collaborate again this year and request your donations of food or gift cards to the food banks through the Toys for Tots Program.