



Marine Corps League Ridgefield Detachment

January 9, 2009

Mr. Robert Odom  
Bill Sangiacomo  
Hoffman Landscapes  
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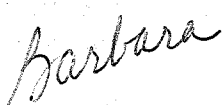
Dear Rob and Bill,

The predominant word in the recent presidential election was "Change". That may be true for politics, but certainly not for the hearts and minds of the folks at Hoffman Landscapes. Through the years your company has been a staunch supporter of the *Toys for Tots* program sponsored by Ridgefield Marine Corps League. This year the economic downturn is greatly impacting the families who are already facing challenges and hardships far greater than we can even imagine. We are told by groups who draw toys from us that they are most grateful for any assistance to help ensure that all deserving young families are able to have a memorable holiday.

Kids who have lived lives of heartache and sadness have been shown that dreams do come true. And most importantly, your effort instills in these kids the importance of giving back, the legacy of your own giving. What could possibly be better than that?

Our great pleasure has been to work with people like you, and we would like to offer our personal thanks for the years you have continued to be such a major factor in the success of our program. On behalf of the members of the Ridgefield Marine Corps League we salute you for "a job well done".

Semper Fi,

  
  
Bob McCorkle and Barbara Shay  
Toys for Tots 2008

P.S. Bill, A special thanks to you for the great toys that came in from your party guests.





Marine Corps League Ridgefield Detachment

January 14, 2008

Mr. Mike Hoffman  
Redding Cub Scout Pack 118  
49 Wayside Lane  
Redding, CT 06896

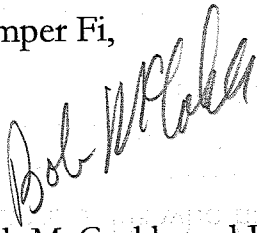
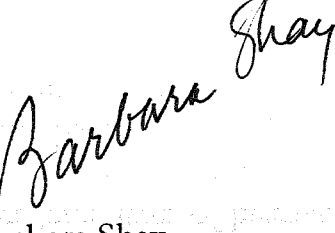
Dear Mike,

The *Toys for Tots* program was inspired by a single handmade Raggedy Ann doll made by the wife of a Marine Reservist in 1947. When her husband couldn't find an organization to receive the doll, he created one with a handful of Marines, and in 1948 Walt Disney designed the logo that is still in use today. Ridgefield's Marine Corps League has been conducting its *Toys for Tots* drive for 35 years, and feels it is an honor to participate in such a worthwhile endeavor.

We would like to offer our personal thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile program. We think the best part of giving is what one receives in return. You and Redding Cub Scout Pack 118, as well as the generosity of the Cub parents have helped to create more than just joy for this past holiday season. Kids who have lived lives of heartache and sadness have been shown that dreams do come true. And most importantly, you help instill in these kids the importance of giving back, the legacy of your own giving. What could possibly be better than that?

The members of the Marine Corps League salute you and Cub Scout Pack 118 for a job well done.

Semper Fi,

  
  
Bob McCorkle and Barbara Shay  
Chairs, 2007 Toys for Tots





Marine Corps League Ridgefield Detachment

January 2, 2008

Mr. Robert Odom  
Hoffman Landscapes  
647 Danbury Rd.  
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Rob,

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The best part of giving is what one receives in return. Rob, you and the employees of Hoffman Landscapes, and the generosity of your community at large has helped to create more than just joy for this past holiday season. You show kids who have lived lives of heartache and sadness that dreams do come true. And most importantly you help instill in these kids the importance of giving back, the legacy of your own giving. What could possibly be better than that?

Our great pleasure too is getting to work with people like you, and we would like to offer our personal thanks for the years you have continued to be such a major factor in our program.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Semper Fi,

Bob McCorkle and Barbara Shay  
*Toys for Tots*





Marine Corps League Ridgefield Detachment

January 17, 2007

Mr. Mike Hoffman, Cub Master  
Redding Cub Scout Pack 118  
647 Danbury Rd.  
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Mike:

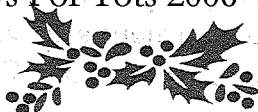
We heartily welcome the participation of your Cub Scouts in *Toys For Tots*. This is exactly what is needed to keep our program vital. Along with the toys collected from your boys come the gifts of faith, hope and love for those who are sorely in need of them. One of those who came for toys wrote, "The wonderful presents that you provided for the kids of Family and Children's Aid bring smiles to their faces and hours of fun. Long after time takes its toll on these gifts their true value will be recognized. The effort you made toward these wonderful kids will instill the values of giving and compassion. This is the magic of the holiday season."

We at the Ridgefield Marine Corps League believe this message is for you, the Cub Scouts and their parents who contributed generously to *Toys For Tots*. We had a phenomenal response from loyal sponsors as well as those new to our program. The need seems to grow each year but happily, the challenge was met yet again this past holiday season. Enclosed is a list of those who drew toys from us. As you can see, the number is formidable and your good has reached them all.

Our members salute you and the Redding Cub Scouts for a job well done.

Semper Fi,

Bob McCorkle, Chairman  
Toys For Tots 2006





Marine Corps League Ridgefield Detachment

January 7, 2007

Mr. Robert Odom  
Hoffman Landscapes  
647 Danbury Rd  
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Bob:

Along with the bounty of toys collected from Hoffman, came the gifts of faith, hope and love for those who are sorely in need of them. One of the groups who drew toys wrote, "The wonderful presents that you provided for the kids of Family and Children's Aid bring smiles to their faces and hours of fun. Long after time takes its toll on these gifts their true value will be recognized. The effort you made toward these wonderful kids will instill the values of giving and compassion. This is the magic of the holiday season."

We at Ridgefield's Marine Corps League believe that this message is for you, all at Hoffman and the good people of Wilton who have contributed generously to *Toys For Tots* year after year. We had phenomenal responses from loyal sponsors such as you as well as from those new to our program. As the need grows each year the community meets the challenge. Enclosed is a list of those who were helped this past season, the number is formidable indeed.

Rob, a special thanks for helping us out with other pickups and your willingness to help even further. Our members salute you and all at Hoffman Landscapes for a job well done.

Semper Fi,

Bob McCorkle, Chairman  
Barbara Shay, Coordinator  
Toys for Tots 2006





January 7, 2006

Mr. Robert Odom  
Hoffman Landscapes  
647 Danbury Rd  
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Bob:

You have heard it many times before, but we can not say it long and loud enough, our heartfelt thanks for your wonderful ongoing spirit to support our program, *Toys For Tots*. The Ridgefield Detachment of the Marine Corps League has ended its latest effort this past year with yet another fantastic response from the generous souls who gave whole heartedly to help children during this special season.

The good people at Hoffman and Wilton have once again come through resoundingly with a splendid assortment of toys which we in turn were able to supply the many organizations, churches and agencies instrumental in enriching the lives of those youngsters in need. We have a small core of volunteers who work hard to gather in the donated items, sort them, and bring in groups who ultimately see the toys into the hands of the children. You will have to imagine their excitement and delight as must we. But we do know from positive feedback that it is genuine.

Our members salute you and all at Hoffman Landscapes for a job well done.

Semper Fi,

Bob McCorkle, Chairman  
Toys for Tots 2005



January 7, 2005

Mr. Robert Odom  
Hoffman Landscapes  
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Dear Bob:

The Ridgefield Detachment of the Marine Corps League is delighted to announce that *Toys For Tots* has been a resounding success this year. It would not have been possible without your support, those at Hoffman Landscapes and the good people of Wilton with their gifts of sharing and love. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all not only for this year, but for your continued participation in our program. We appreciate too the use of a Hoffman truck which was such a great help in expediting our collections.

In direct contrast to the grim news of chaotic world events, it was heartening to see all kinds of wonderful toys destined to make the holiday bright for so many who might have expected otherwise. Happily, we were able to expand our distribution to even more social services this year. In turn these groups put forth their own good efforts to surprise and delight the children who are under their auspices. What a wonderful way to pay it forward.

Our members salute you and all at Hoffman Landscapes for a job well done.

Semper Fi,

  
Bill Peeler and Lee Shay  
Barbara Shay, Coordinator  
Toys for Tots 2004



January 7, 2004

Mr. Robert Odom  
Hoffman Landscapes  
647 Danbury Rd.  
Wilton, CT 06817

Dear Rob:

We are grateful to you and the employees of Hoffman Landscapes for your continued and enthusiastic support of the Ridgefield Marine Corps League's Toys For Tots program in this our 31st year.

Generous donations such as yours enable our endeavor to be successful, and this year was an exceptional one. We were able to distribute toys, dolls, trucks, games, sports equipment, books, and stuffed animals to some 35 children's aid groups in Danbury, Norwalk, Bridgeport, New Milford, and Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth in Middletown. Although we do not see the children as they receive their gifts, just knowing so many like you, Hoffman employees and those who give toys, come together in making it happen for them is heartwarming for us, as I am sure it is for all of you.

On behalf of the Ridgefield Marine Corps League we salute you for a job "well done".

Semper Fi,

Bill Peeler  
Lee and Barbara Shay  
Toys For Tots 2003



February 4, 2003

Mr. Robert Odom  
Hoffman Landscapes  
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Wilton, CT 06810

Dear Rob:

A note of thanks to you and the employees of Hoffman Landscapes for your support of the Ridgefield Marine Corps League Toys For Tots program in this our 30<sup>th</sup> year.

With your help, we are delighted to announce a successful conclusion to this past holiday season. We distributed toys, dolls, games, sports equipment, books, stuffed animals, and a variety of other gifts to hospitals, charitable organizations and stressed families in the area. We wish we could share their heartwarming Thank You notes with you. Those who contributed exhibit the true spirit of Christmas.

On behalf of the Ridgefield Marine Corps League we salute you for a job "well done".

Semper Fi,

Bill Peeler

Lee Shay

Toys For Tots 2002