— MEDIA ALERT —

**Chester County Recorder of Deeds Collecting Toys for Tots**

**WHAT:** The Chester County Recorder of Deeds office is a collection site for the U.S. Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots initiative this year.

New, unwrapped toys and books for infants through age 18 are accepted, for example, Barbie or baby dolls, stuffed animals, art supplies, jewelry, nail and craft kits, action figures, toy trucks, RC cars, Legos and erector sets. Items for older children are especially needed, which may include Bluetooth speakers, sporting goods, board games, books, makeup and nail polish, and more. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) puzzles and activity kits are also a great addition (exclusions apply). The overall campaign cannot accept clothes, used toys or ones that include realistic weapons, candy or food or chemicals like experimental labs, acid, crystal projects, etc.

**WHO:**
- Chester County Recorder of Deeds Chris Pielli
- Chester County Recorder of Deeds staff

**WHEN:** Now through December 9, 2021, during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. The Recorder of Deeds office is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday.

**WHERE:** 313 W. Market Street, West Chester, PA 19380. Third floor, Suite 3302. The collection box is located directly inside or outside the front door of the office suite.

**WHY:** In the Recorder of Deeds’ ongoing commitment to serving the Chester County community in multiple capacities, we are hosting this Toys for Tots collection so that residents, businesses and families who wish to give back to the region’s underprivileged or underserved children and families in need this holiday season can donate at a convenient location.

Toys for Tots of Chester and Southern Montgomery Counties serves all of Chester County, as well as a small portion of Montgomery County centered on Norristown that is not covered by another campaign. This year, so far, Toys for Tots of Chester and Southern Montgomery Counties has received applications for nearly 15,000 children. According to its website, last year the group collected and distributed 20,161 toys to 10,227 children.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Donations are accepted at a number of Toys for Tots collection sites throughout the area or monetary donations can be made directly to the local Toys for Tots Foundation at [https://chester-county-pa.toysfortots.org/](https://chester-county-pa.toysfortots.org/). Toys can also be selected and donated online via the virtual toy box at [https://toysfortotsbox.com/](https://toysfortotsbox.com/).

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