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CHRISTMAS TO COME EARLY TO NORTH COUNTY CHILDREN

Over 1,400 Local Children to Receive Donated Toys Through Joint Project

- WHO:** Dr. Wilma Wooten, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Deputy Public Health Officer
Donna Hand, Assistant Deputy Director, HHS
Families who are clients of the North Inland Family Resource Center
- WHAT:** Toys for Tots donation
Safe Toys and Gifts Month information
- WHEN:** 11 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 5, 2005
- WHERE:** HHS North Inland Family Resource Center
620 E. Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92025
- WHY:** For the sixth year, HHS's North Inland Family Resource Center is teaming with the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program to distribute a truckload of toys to more than 1,400 low-income children during the week of Dec. 5 - 9. Families have registered in advance for their gifts, which are available for children of all ages, and will be distributed through the Escondido, Fallbrook and Ramona offices. As December is "Safe Toys and Gifts" month, HHS will also provide information on choosing safe and age-appropriate gifts during the holiday season.
The North Inland Family Resource Center assists County residents seeking financial public assistance or medical insurance coverage. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

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