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# County Collects “Toys for Tots”

Kick-off for “Henderson County Cares” Initiative

**December 5, 2007 – Henderson County, NC:** Henderson County employees are collecting “Toys for Tots” at most county offices. From December 5 until December 19 the county’s more than 700 employees can donate new, unwrapped toys for the North Carolina Marine Corps Reserve’s Western North Carolina Toys for Tots program.

Boxes are also available for the public to donate to Toys for Tots in the Board of Commissioners office lobby at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. All boxes will be picked up by Toys for Tots by December 20.

“This Toys for Tots project is all a part of a new initiative called ‘Henderson County Cares,’” said Henderson County Communications Officer Pam Brice. “One of our employees, Sarah Zambon, the associate county attorney, came up with the idea.”

“‘Henderson County Cares’ is a new initiative where every month a different charitable act, organization or event will be featured in the employee newsletter and through alerts and staff announcements that Henderson County employees can take part in. Some will be hands-on activities such as Habitat for Humanity, or events like a Relay for Life, or a chance to collect gifts or goods such as for the Marine Corps’s Toys For Tots program,” Brice said.

Zambon said she got the idea after organizing a county employee team for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. “A lot of different departments in Henderson County already do charitable activities, so this initiative will help coordinate those better. It will also give all county employees an opportunity to give, and will provide the county the chance to give back to the community, too.”

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