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Re: TOYS FOR TOTS – Making a difference

To Whom It May Concern:

Brian Hooper of MSI Mechanical contacted me in October of 2009 asking what, if anything, he and his company could do to help the Marines of Bravo Company, a Marine Reserve unit located in Londonderry, NH. In several discussions Mr. Hooper convinced me of his genuine desire to help our Marines as they prepare for their next deployment as his way to express thanks for their service to our country.

Many companies offer to help our Marines but no company has done so much in such a short time with assurances that continued assistance will be available up to and during our next deployment. In a meeting with 1st Sgt Enriquez, Sgt Boice and myself Mr. Hooper immediately offered his company's vehicles to assist our annual Toys for Tots campaign. The Toys for Tots program has numerous toy drop locations throughout the State of NH, many concentrated in the southern tier. We have to rely on Marine Reservists and a few dedicated volunteers to pick up the donated toys from these locations as well as sort the toys and fill the orders. It is an overwhelming task for such a small group. Our most difficult task is picking up toys from the drop locations. Having the MSI Mechanical trucks pick up toys was a godsend. MSI trucks were on the road each week performing a valuable service to us. They made dozens of trips on December 23rd to pick up the last of the toys, shut down the drop locations, and make deliveries last minute. This company covered hundreds of miles saving us valuable resources in manpower and gasoline so that we could provide Christmas presents to needy children.

MSI Mechanical's commitment to Bravo Company did not end with Christmas. Mr. Hooper is committed to helping me as we ready for the upcoming deployment. We are in the process of developing a list of equipment and supplies that his company can provide to augment the Marines' supplies.

We are also developing a contingency plan for assistance to families left behind when the Marines deploy. Marines from Bravo Company have deployed twice in the last 6 years. Each time the Marines leave knowing that their families will be taken care of during their absence. As the Family Readiness Advisor I am their first point of contact. Mr. Hooper has generously offered his company's resources to assist me in helping these families.

In the seven years that I have had the honor to serve in this capacity, I have never had such overwhelming support from a company that was not directly connected to the Marines of Bravo Company. The fact that Mr. Hooper sought us out and volunteered MSI Mechanical to help Bravo Company in any capacity is extraordinary.

Sincerely,

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& Proud Mother of Sgt Krailo