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#### **CAPITAL REGION TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION PLANS FOR 2018 HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Clifton Park, NY; November 21, 2018** – The Capital Region Toys for Tots Foundation today announced its distribution plans for the 2018 holiday season, during which the annual program will deliver thousands of toys and winter coats to children in need throughout Upstate New York.

Since 2009, the annual holiday campaign has been bolstered by the support of Dunkin', which has donated nearly \$300,000 to the program over the past 10 years.

The journey will begin in Binghamton on Saturday, December 1 when the Marine Corps Reserves' Dunkin' Toys for Tots Train, powered by Norfolk Southern Railway, takes to the rails with stops in Bainbridge, Oneonta, Cobleskill and Delanson. Anchored by Dunkin' and its Capital Region franchisees for the past decade, this year's train is also supported by Norfolk Southern, Emery and Webb, the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad, Amtrak and Bennett and Eric Levin. The CDTA will also provide additional support by providing passenger buses to help transport volunteers.

The second leg of the trip will take place on Sunday, December 9 with the all-new Capital Region Toys for Toys Northern New York Sheriffs Coalition Road Train, powered by Dunkin' and Upstate Transit of Saratoga. The convoy, comprised of six tractor trailers are carrying thousands of toys, will begin in Saratoga Springs before traveling up Interstate 87 with stops in Fort Edward, Ticonderoga, Lewis, Keeseville and Rouses Point.

“Once again the community came together to make sure we didn't fail. The power of this community is so tremendous. I'm confident that together we can accomplish anything,” said Marine Gunnery Sgt. (Ret) Albert Roman, local coordinator of the Capital Region Toys for Tots campaign.

Led by a police escort from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, the Capital Region Toys for Toys Northern New York Sheriffs Coalition Road Train, powered by Dunkin' and Upstate Transit of Saratoga, will also receive support from local law enforcement officials in each town along its journey, including the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Essex County Sheriff's Office and Washington County Sheriff's Office.

"I am honored to partner with Sheriffs Murphy, Cutting, and Favro to ensure the children of Northern New York experience the joys of the holiday season. It was extremely exciting to be able to provide the support and coordination needed to allow the Marines and Capital Region Toys for Tots to complete their mission of delivering toys to these locations reaching as far as the Canadian Border," said Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo.

Numerous local companies and organizations will donate the use of tractor trailers for the Sunday expedition, including Auto Solutions, Borwegen Trucking, Dunkin', Freihofer's, R.H. Weisheit Trucking and Roberts Towing and Recovery.

"Dunkin' is thrilled to bring the spirit of the holidays to children in need by supporting the efforts of the Marines who spearhead the Toys for Tots campaign. We commend the Marines, local law enforcement and all others involved for their support of this critical holiday tradition," said Eric Stensland, integrated marketing manager for Dunkin'. "We are honored to continue our decade of support and being a part of this extraordinary effort that has such a vital impact on families in our community."

Dozens of volunteers will be transported alongside the trucks on passenger buses, courtesy of Upstate Transit of Saratoga. Upstate Transit of Saratoga, LLC, is a full service passenger transportation company located on Geyser Road in Saratoga Springs, NY.

"Upstate Transit of Saratoga is pleased to partner with the Capital Region Toys for Tots and the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office on the upcoming convoy to the North Country, and provide deluxe motor coach transportation to the workers, volunteers, and staff," said Stephen Brown, vice president of Upstate Transit of Saratoga.

This year's Toys for Tots collection drive is currently underway at more than 400 locations throughout the Capital Region, including more than 100 local and regional Dunkin' restaurants, which serve as drop-off points for guests wishing to donate new, unwrapped toys. The Marines will work with more than 200 community agencies to distribute toys this holiday season and will be equipped to serve 200,000 children.

The Capital Region Toys for Tots Foundation receives additional support from a number of companies and organizations throughout the greater Capital Region, including Auto Solutions, CDTA, Clifton Park-Halfmoon EMS, DeNooyer Chevrolet, Freihofer's, SEFCU, Seymour's Motorized Sports, South Colonie School District and Spenergy. Additionally, the Wayne Wagner family is donating warehouse space in Clifton Park to serve as the home of the 2018 Capital Region Toys for Tots program.

Clifton Park & Halfmoon EMS, and members of the Saratoga, Washington, Albany, Fulton, Essex, and Clinton Sheriff's Departments also provide support to the Toys for Tots campaign. Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo will host the fifth annual Saratoga County Sheriff's Department Convoy for Tots on Sunday, November 25 to benefit Capital Region Toys for Tots. During the 2017 event, more than 10,000 toys were donated.

The official 2018 Capital Region Toys for Tots Foundation distribution schedule is as follows (all times are approximate):

**Saturday, December 1: Marine Corps Reserves' Dunkin' Toys for Tots Train, powered by Norfolk Southern Railway**

10 a.m. Binghamton Yard, 9 Brandywine Hwy, Binghamton

11:45 a.m. Bainbridge Station, 5 Walnut Avenue, Bainbridge

1:15 p.m. Oneonta Station, Gas Avenue Crossing, Oneonta

3 p.m. 610 East Main Street, Cobleskill

4 p.m. 1797 Main Street, Delanson

**Sunday, December 9: Capital Region Toys for Toys Northern New York Sheriffs Coalition Road Train, powered by Dunkin' and Upstate Transit of Saratoga**

9 a.m. Maple Avenue Middle School, 515 Maple Avenue, Saratoga Springs

10:30 a.m. Washington County Complex, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward

12:30 p.m. 1092 Wicket Street, Ticonderoga

2 p.m. Essex County Sheriff's Office, 702 Stowersville Road, Lewis

3 p.m.Ausable Valley Middle/High School, 1460 NY-9N, Keeseville

4:30 p.m.Rouses Point Village Recreation Center, 39 Lake Street, Rouses Point

The Capital Region Toys for Tots Foundation operates annually from October 1 through December 23. The campaign covers areas within the following Upstate New York counties: Albany, Broome, Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Washington and Warren. For more information, visit <https://albany-ny.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx>.