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Marine's Toys for Tots drive a success

Charlotte Burrous
The Daily Record

Whenever he sees a Marine Corps. member collecting items for the Toys for Tots program, he reacts automatically.

"I'm a retired Marine," said Paul Snyder, who, along with his wife, Tabitha, donated toys to the campaign Friday at Wal-Mart. "I've done it the past 20 years. This will be my 21st year."

He said he always enjoyed participating in it.

"Especially, when I was overseas, I got to" help distribute them in Japan, Paul said.

Sponsored by the Royal Gorge Detachment of the Marine Corps League and the U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting, organizers said the toy drive was a success.

"It's been going great," said Bill Rienstra, a member of the Detachment. "We've been taking some donations of cash so we can buy gift cards for the older children."

He praised individuals and families who have "been generous" this year, Rienstra said. "For the downturn, it's doing really well."

Also, the volunteers have stepped up to the plate to help with the toy drive in the various locations around Fremont County.

Last year, the Toys for Tots campaign donated 5,500 toys to children in Fremont County.

As a result of the drive, the Marines will distribute the toys on Christmas Eve at the Rocky Mountain Behavioral Center.



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