



Funding Joy

THE JOY FUND FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

Donated funds will be used in the areas we serve to provide each child a gift this Christmas.

- *Southside:*
Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach
- *Peninsula:*
Hampton, Newport News, Lower York County, Poquoson, Gloucester County and Mathews County
- *Williamsburg:*
City of Williamsburg, James City and Upper York County

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- Online:
TheJoyFund.org
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 2022!!

Incredible to think the holidays have come and gone and we're ALREADY into February. Before we get too separated from this past Christmas holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our donors that were once again able to brighten children's lives throughout Hampton Roads this past season. We all moved through yet another challenging year in 2021 - some families more challenged than others.

Supporters of The Joy Fund Foundation were able to offer joy to parents and children that otherwise might have gone without toys. I was personally able to witness this as we all took a day at The Toy Depot to load parent's vehicles - all due to YOUR generous donations! I hope you enjoy our most recent newsletter with highlights of this past season of giving - our most recent effort to keep you in the loop with all that is going on with The Joy Fund Foundation throughout the year!

Mark Quan
President, The Joy Fund Foundation



Every child deserves the joy of a gift this Christmas.



BY THE NUMBERS

<i>Southside</i>		<i>Peninsula/Gloucester</i>		<i>Williamsburg</i>	
Families Assisted	3,357	Families Assisted	898	Households Assisted	631
Total Children	7,090	Total Angels	1,951	Total People	2,019
Toys Distributed	46,298	Toys Distributed	5,853	Toys/Gifts Distributed	11,244
Volunteers	1,023	Gifts (other including clothes)	11,706	Grocery Orders Provided	902
Volunteer Hours	5,472	Volunteers	921	Volunteers	41
		Volunteer Hours	3,460	Volunteer Hours	929



INSIGHTS



Captain Julio DaSilva, the Greater Williamsburg Area Commander, shared this story to show the impact the Toy and Gift Distributions make on local families.

Mary (not her real name) is a busy single mom with two daughters ages nine and two and has a good job. Her sister passed away tragically, leaving behind an infant son. After gaining full custody of the baby, Mary learned that he had a genetic eye disorder that would leave him fully blind by the age of five. She knew she did not earn enough money to pay the rent, bills and the baby's mounting medical costs and still have enough money for Christmas gifts for the three children. A friend told her The Salvation Army helped families at Christmas, so Mary decided to call and make an appointment. "I didn't want to ask anyone for help," she said. "I thought I could do it on my own, but finally realized I needed some support so I could take care of my family."

Mary soon met with The Salvation Army's case manager. The case manager quickly realized the family needed more than just help for Christmas and provided them with food, warm clothing, diapers and formula for the baby. They talked for over an hour during her appointment. Mary unburdened her heart – all of her worries about the children, the devastating loss of her sister, her concerns about being a good mom through the challenges her family had ahead of them. They prayed together and her case manager assured her that The Salvation Army would be there for her and her family, during Christmas and beyond. Mary left The Salvation Army that afternoon with much more than food, clothing, and gifts for her children. She left with God's gift of hope, comfort, and peace.

2021 FUNDING PARTNERS



SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Southside

TowneBank, TACRON 21, NOAA, Southeastern Virginia Filipino American Lions Club, Navy Reserves, JenCare, Virginia Natural Gas, Anthem of Hampton Roads, Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, AGI, Cavalier Resort, US Coast Guard, US Navy, US Boarder Patrol, the Princess Anne High School Cavalier Baseball team, and The Joy Fund Foundation Board

Williamsburg area

Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, United Way Emerging Leaders, Salvation Army Women's auxiliary and individuals

Peninsula Corps/Gloucester

Grafton Kiwanis (Bike Assembly) USCG, Ferguson, Hampton Rotary, Knights Of Columbus (Newport News), Heritage High School, Newport News Fire Department, Warwick @ City Center Rotary Club, Grafton High School Varsity Cheerleaders, Warhill High School Varsity Football, Waters Edge Church Groups (ladies group, mom of teens group and young adult group), Trinity Christian Preschool, Langley Air Force Base, Morning Star Baptist Church, Old Point National Bank, and Bayport Credit Union

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TOY DEPOTS 2021



These are a few of the many wonderful volunteers who helped spread JOY with smiles all around. Thanks to ALL!



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The Joy Fund Foundation Board was joyful!



To see more photos of this year's Toy Depots visit our [website](http://www.joyfund.org).