



The Toys for Tots Tournament Players Championship began in November of 1999 when 16 golfers participated on a cold blustery day at Eagle Haven Golf course on board NAB Little Creek. Although it was not named the T for T before the day of golf began. Mike Eller and Steph Coffin sat down drank a lot of beers and came up with the charity and would ask the Kuyahoor Valley Foundation to add a third major to its ranks. JB Bowers joined the ranks as a T for T tri-director in 2007. And so it began.

Toys for Tots began in 1947. When Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane crafted a homemade doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign.

For the last 10 years, the Toys for Tots Tournament Players Championship has donated more than 4,000 toys to the children of Hampton Roads and Richmond areas of Virginia - a value of over \$40,000 dollars. The tournament kicks off the Toys for Tots fundraiser for the Hampton Roads area. The Marines and Seabees do collect toys and donations right up until Christmas each year.

The Toys for Tots Tournament Players Championship lives by the values of the Kuyahoor Valley Foundations motto, "Small Town Values for Life", and their four goals:

1. To help the less fortunate.
2. To have a great time with friends and family.
3. To relish the great game of GOLF.
4. To give just a little something back.

We know as well as all who attend each year that the Toys for Tots Tournament Players Championship would not be successful without you. We Thank You for your continued support and dedication.

Steph Coffin, Mike Eller and John Bowers – Tournament Directors

