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Walworth Lions Club Contributes to Senator Helming's Toys for Tots Drive

SENATOR PAM HELMING December 27, 2018



GENEVA – Senator Pam Helming is partnering with Marine Corps League Memorial Day Detachment No. 468 in Clyde and the Marine Corps Coordinating Council in this year's Toys for Tots effort to help children and families in need around the Wayne-Finger Lakes region. Recently, she received a visit at her District Office in Geneva from Walworth Lions Club Treasurer Lou Villanova and Lions Club member Dennis Landry, who brought \$1,200 worth of new, unwrapped toys the Lions Club had purchased specifically to contribute toward the collection drive. Senator Helming's District Office has served as a Toys for Tots collection

point for the second year in a row, collecting gifts that will benefit local children whose families otherwise could not afford presents. The collection drive at Senator Helming's District Office will continue through Friday, December 14.

"As a member of a military family and a strong supporter of our veterans and service members, I am proud to partner with Marine Corps League Memorial Day Detachment No. 468 and the Marine Corps Coordinating Council to support the Toys for Tots program. I am equally proud to work with outstanding community organizations such as the Walworth Lions Club. Many of us are fortunate to be able to share a happy, healthy holiday season with our families and children, but sadly, there are plenty of families in our region who cannot provide their children with a nice Christmas that every child should have. Toys for Tots helps create that magical moment on Christmas morning by giving families presents for their children, and groups such as the Lions Club make Toys for Tots a success every year. The Lions International slogan is 'Making a World of Difference,' and the Walworth Lions Club has truly made a world of difference for local children and families in need. Thank you to the Lions Club for this terrific contribution toward the Toys for Tots effort, and thank you to the Memorial Day Detachment and the Marine Corps Coordinating Council for the continued partnership in this special holiday tradition," Senator Helming said.

Mr. Landry said, "The Walworth Lions Club is happy to partner with Senator Helming and the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots toy drive. The Lions would like to thank Target for the additional \$200 donation, bringing our total to \$1,200 in donations for the purchase of toys to help Wayne County and Finger Lakes region residents this holiday season. We would also like to thank the Senator for her continued support of our community. Special thanks to Lions member Andrea Villanova for her efforts in purchasing all the presents. We also want to thank her husband, Lou Villanova, and Bob Manning for picking up all the presents and Lou Villanova and Dennis Landry for delivering the presents to Senator Helming's office. We look forward to partnering with the Senator in the future to help our community."