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F.L. Roberts & Co. boosts Toy for Joy fund with generous \$1,000 donation

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Steven Roberts of F. L. Roberts holds the company's donation for the 2014 Toy for Joy campaign. (DAVE ROBACK / THE REPUBLICAN)

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SPRINGFIELD — For several years **F.L. Roberts and Company** employees have been donating to Toy for Joy, but three years ago the company upped their donation to \$1,000 as they saw the need increasing.

"After seeing there was a shortfall in donations each year we wanted to make sure we helped in some way," said Steve Roberts, president and CEO of F.L. Roberts and Company, based in Springfield.

"This is a gift from all of the employees at F.L. Roberts, Golden Nozzle Car Washes, Hampden-Hampshire County Jiffy Lubes, the Whately Diner, our commercial and wholesale sales department and our support personnel," he said.

Toy for Joy, which is in its 92nd year, relies heavily on donations such as the one made by F.L. Roberts in order to purchase toys for children in need. In Springfield alone more than 31,000 families will be served this year. The program provides toys for children in need ages 0-16 in all of Western Massachusetts.

Here are today's donors:

- ▶ In honor of my Grandma and Memere who make me feel so special and loved all year long, every child should have grandmothers like you from Isabelle Fregeau--\$25
- ▶ In memory of Scott--\$10
- ▶ Jennie, Art, Eleanor and Joe loved all children--\$20
- ▶ From Potsdam Germany, Merry Christmas Lizzie and Patrick--\$25
- ▶ For my beloved Charlie who never forgot the children, Edna--\$10
- ▶ In loving memory of Catherine and John Leahy who loved Christmas--\$25
- ▶ In loving memory of Brice and Susan Draper from Kathy--\$50
- ▶ In memory of Grammy and Grampy Gena and JohnJohn--\$25
- ▶ God's blessings on the Salvation Army from Mya, Sarah and Diane--\$20
- ▶ In loving memory of Annie and Philip Mirarchi--\$25
- ▶ In loving memory of Rose, Hugo and Roger Sedran--\$25
- ▶ In loving memory of Eileen and Laura from Mom and brother Ernie--\$30
- ▶ In loving memory of Ernie W from Chris and son Ernie--\$30
- ▶ In loving memory of my parents Larry and Eleanor Wilson from Kent and Kathy--\$25
- ▶ In loving memory of Ann O'Brien and in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Ryan, Brendan, Steve, Mike, John, Meghan and Emily--\$700
- ▶ To dad and Roger. Merry Christmas--\$25

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- ▶ Anonymous--\$50
- ▶ With our love to Mom and Dad from Betty and Carol--\$20
- ▶ In memory of Mae Egan--\$10
- ▶ In loving memory of Sharon Burns who always loved Christmas--\$20
- ▶ Merry Christmas from the Gilmore family--\$250
- ▶ In memory of my beloveds, Gramps, Ma and JK--\$50
- ▶ In memory of Victor and Jennie Paluch and Stephanie Collins from Carly, Kevin and Dillon--\$75
- ▶ In memory of Joseph Caldwell--\$50
- ▶ In memory of my parents from Sue--\$10
- ▶ In loving memory of Colin James Cavanaugh, love Mike and Robin--\$35
- ▶ Mohammad--\$100
- ▶ Christmas blessings--\$25
- ▶ Stanley Olechna family--\$50
- ▶ In loving memory of Adam, Mary and Brian Nahorniak--\$100
- ▶ For my brother Joe who loved Christmas --\$25
- ▶ Anonymous--\$5
- ▶ Wishing all children a Merry Christmas from Baystate Orthopedic Surgery Center--\$100
- ▶ In loving memory of Noel and Joseph Fortier and Lisa Meade, always in my heart from Jean--\$10
- ▶ In loving memory of my parents Frank and Peg Walker--\$100
- ▶ In memory of Shane, love Mom--\$50
- ▶ Anonymous--\$100
- ▶ In memory of Rita and Bill Kelly from Mary Beth--\$25
- ▶ In loving memory of my husband Raymond Sabourin Sr love Edna--\$20
- ▶ William--\$25
- ▶ In celebration of God's blessings from Don, Lisa and Sarah--\$100
- ▶ In memory of Reggae, Mama and Rich--\$30
- ▶ In memory of Salvatore and Filomena Ragone--\$20
- ▶ In memory of Heidi Weit and Robert Peron, love Auntie Denise--\$20
- ▶ In memory of Gramps C, Dad K and Dad C who loved all children--\$20
- ▶ In memory of Betty Harper from Carol and Albert --\$20
- ▶ In loving memory of my parents Peter and Helen Pappas--\$25
- ▶ In loving memory of Roland and Gary Deyette from family--\$20
- ▶ In memory of Lt. Col. Morris "Moose" Fontenot of the 104th--\$50
- ▶ In loving memory of my beloved husband Mitchell, love Helen--\$10
- ▶ In loving memory of Harry and Myrtle Carter and Warren and Bobby Loudfoot--\$30
- ▶ In memory of Vincent Croteau and June Croteau --\$25
- ▶ In memory of my wife Janet loved by her family--\$25
- ▶ In memory of Michael Quoka Sr and Trixie--\$10
- ▶ In memory of Earl Carter and Alice Carter--\$10
- ▶ In memory of Tom and Joe Kelley from Priscilla and Jessica--\$20
- ▶ Anonymous--\$10
- ▶ In memory of Mark Sheridan, love Gabby, Kylie and Jackie --\$60
- ▶ Anonymous--\$50
- ▶ Merry Christmas to all the children from Rose--\$10
- ▶ In memory of Emile and Ginny Grenier always missing you from the Strole's--\$25
- ▶ In memory of my wonderful parents, with love from RK--\$50
- ▶ Stuart and Elaine--\$25
- ▶ Merry Christmas to all children from Button and Tiger--\$25
- ▶ In memory of my mom and dad, Ray and Doris--\$20
- ▶ Thomas--\$25
- ▶ In memory of our parents from Bev and Ed Moriarty--\$25

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- ▶ In loving memory of Erin O'Neil--\$20
- ▶ Anonymous--\$10
- ▶ Anonymous--\$50
- ▶ For Daisy, Happy Holidays--\$50
- ▶ The Bradys of Montgomery--\$200
- ▶ So the children may have a Merry Christmas--\$50
- ▶ Thank God for all our blessings--\$300
- ▶ Happy Holidays to all from Con-Test Analytical Lab employees and families--\$750

RECEIVED: \$4,565
TOTAL TO DATE: \$41,264
STILL NEEDED: \$108,736

The program, which will provide toys and gifts to families in need in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties, has a fund-raising goal of \$150,000 by Christmas Eve.

Hasbro's association with Toy for Joy began three years ago when it united its Giving Tree effort with the campaign. Its employees are among the volunteers who help the Salvation Army register families and distribute the toys; the international toymaker is also a major donor of the gifts which are distributed.

For more information, call the Springfield citadel of the Salvation Army, (413) 733-7581.

The Springfield citadel will accept new, unopened toys as donations; they can be brought to 170 Pearl St. on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. through Dec. 23.

To make a contribution to the Toy for Joy fund, write: Toy for Joy, P.O. Box 3007, Springfield 01102.

Contributions may also be dropped off with the coupon at The Republican, 1860 Main St., Springfield, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. until Dec. 24.

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