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**TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT EXPECTED TO YIELD 400 TOYS FOR KIDS IN NEED**  
*Councilmember Cate to Host 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast in Mira Mesa*

San Diego, CA: On Saturday, December 16, 2017, Councilmember Chris Cate will trade in his suit and tie for gloves and an apron to serve flapjacks at his [3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast](#). All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will benefit the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

From 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., the Mira Mesa Senior Center will welcome children, families, senior citizens, and Santa for a free pancake breakfast. In return, each guest is encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy. Last year, more than 350 toys were collected for Toys for Tots.

Celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Toys for Tots was founded by Major Bill Hendricks, United States Marine Corps Reserve, and expanded into a nationwide community action project in 1948, with Marines at each Reserve Center conducting toy drives. Since 1947, Toys for Tots has distributed over 530 million toys to over 244 million underprivileged children, with 18 million toys donated in 2016 alone.

"I have seen first-hand the generosity of the residents in District 6. Making a day brighter for a child during the holiday season is a gift that keeps on giving," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

**WHAT:** Councilmember Chris Cate's Toys for Tots Pancake Breakfast

**WHERE:** Mira Mesa Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 16, 2017 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**INFO:** Advanced registration is required <http://bit.ly/2idHynq>

**About Councilmember Chris Cate**

Chris Cate is an advocate and voice for all residents in District 6. Chris proudly represents the neighborhoods of Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Park Village, and Sorrento Valley.

