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Mayor Jacobs Small Business Series Focuses on Toys For Tots

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed U.S Navy Hospital Corpsman First Class and local Toys for Tots coordinator, Jeremiah James for his Small Business Series.

Each week, the Mayor conducts interviews with small business owners, offering them the opportunity to talk about what they do; highlight their work; and share any future plans. New vignettes are released throughout the month.

This month, the series focuses on local charities and non-profits across the area.

“Growing up, Christmas was always something that was huge for me and my family so if I can put a smile on a kid’s face at Christmas that wouldn’t have been there any other way then I believe that’s what we’re here for,” said James. “That’s what the military should do for the community.”

Toys For Tots is a U.S Marine Corps Reserve program that helps distribute donated toys to children in local communities and across the country. Started by Bill and Diane Hendricks in Los Angeles, the program has handed out more than 512 million toys since its inception in 1947.

Local businesses contribute to the program by placing Toys For Tots boxes at their establishments, and then volunteers pick up and take the items to a designated spot for distribution. Monetary donations are also accepted.

The Mayor and James also discussed how the program helps children not just in Knox County but regionally.

For more information on how to donate or to sign up to receive items, please visit this website:

To hear more of what was said during the interview, check out the [video](#).

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