

Toys For Tots Charity Ride



The Toys For Tots Charity Ride, in support of the US Marine Corp Reserves, took place on Saturday November 22, 2014. TwoGals Events organized the run, along with event founder Sue 'Brat' Ashe. There were about 275 participants. You couldn't have asked for a prettier day.

Sign-in was at Scottsdale HD. From there, riders visited event sponsors Greasewood Flat, American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills, and the El Dorado Bar & Grill in Scottsdale; before ending up at the American Legion Post 2 in Tempe. The overall ride was ~ 54 miles. We got many positive comments from the riders we spoke with.

The silent auction table had a variety of goods for bidding, including items from Chester's Harley-Davidson.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, over \$5,000 plus boxes and boxes of donated toys were donated to the US Marine Corp Reserves.

Sue sent along this note, "I first got involved here at

the organizational level in 2009 but have been involved in one way or another since I was 19 or so; before I became a rider. As the proud Aunt of two Marines – one who served overseas during Operation Desert Shield, the Marines along with the rest of the Military, are causes I am honored to be involved in. But the Marines Toys for Tots program especially because it helps children have a little brighter Christmas; while they in turn learn at a young age that there is good in this world.

"Just want to say THANK YOU to all who support the ride and that myself, TwoGals Event Planning, and Scottsdale H-D look forward to growing this ride in many years to come. Stay tuned for new details for the 2015 ride, hosted again by myself and the two mentioned above.

"If you're on Facebook be sure to go LIKE the page for up-to-date information <https://www.facebook.com/MarinesToysforTotsRide>".

Amy at TwoGals expressed, "Thanks to event sponsors Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale and Chuck Franklin Law. Thanks also go out to Dewd Ranch BBQ for providing the food and band The Unknown Associates for the Music! A HUGE thank you to Helen Cantu at Post 2 in Tempe and her staff for working with us and hosting such a great end party! I am so proud of the folks that came together to help make a brighter Christmas for so many kids here in Arizona!"

The hall was full of laughter, excellent music, conversations, & good humor; making for good, positive energy. It was an enjoyable way to spend a day; before all the hectic hubbub of the Holidays starts.

Our thanks to both these ladies for sharing their comments & details with us. Congratulations on a job well done!

Betsy & Bruce