



Dear Marie,

On behalf of the entire board of directors of the Huntington Beach 3/1 Marines Foundation, I would like to express our enormous gratitude to you and the members of the Orange Grove Quilters Guild for your generous donations of quilts and toys to the wives and children of our city's adopted battalion.

We were simply overwhelmed by the amazing outpouring! The quilts were so beautiful that no one could stop looking at them! We had them on display tables during the latter half of the party and the women were just thrilled when they realized they'd get to select one to take home! Their only problem was trying to decide which to take!

The toys were incredible. We never, ever expected a donation like that! The generosity of your members allowed us to give three toys - and really great ones, at that - to each and every child. No one expected that, and the kids and their moms were speechless! (Well, the kids weren't exactly "speechless." There was a lot of "ooohing" and "aaaahing" and smiles from ear to ear!) We made sure we let everyone know that this outpouring of love and support came from your members, and I can honestly tell you that many of the wives had tears in their eyes at the realization that a group of total strangers could care so much. I'm hoping someone captured at least a few photos of the wives and the quilts. If I get them, I will forward to you.

Again, thank you for absolutely "making" our Christmas event. If there is ever anything I personally, or we as an organization, can do for you and the Guild, please don't hesitate to ask!

Have a very merry Christmas and the happiest, healthiest of New Years!

Sincerely,

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