Farmingville, NY - On December 13, Supervisor Mark Lesko joined County Legislator Jack Eddington to thank Teresa Ward, owner of Teresa's Family Cleaning in Rocky Point for her work on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots" program. Ms. Ward co-sponsored the "We're Not Stuffing a Bus, We're Stuffing a Home" event on December 11 and 12, collecting toys for needy children so they can have a happy holiday. Residents who donated toys brought them to a mobile home located in the parking lot of Teresa's Family cleaning which was provided by Joseph Donaghy of American Mobile Home Leasing. The toys were then loaded into vans and delivered to the Suffolk County "Toys for Tot's" distribution center. They will be sent to charitable organizations such as churches, children's centers and hospitals who will distribute the toys to needy children across Brookhaven Town.

"Teresa is someone who cares a great deal about the community she lives in and volunteers so much of her time and talent to help those in need," said Supervisor Lesko. "Her work this year with 'Toys for Tots' will put smiles on the faces of so many children who might have gone without any gifts this holiday season. I thank her, the U.S. Marines and all the others who helped make this event such a success."

"It really is the most wonderful time of the year when we are given the opportunity to help those who may be less fortunate. Teresa's Family Cleaning, local businesses, and our local U.S. Marines have certainly stepped up to the plate to make certain many of these children experience the wonder of the season. I am delighted to have been a part of the celebration," said Legislator Eddington.

Teresa Ward said, "I was happy that my staff and I were able to fill a mobile home with toys for children in our surrounding communities. I know we have been able to provide Christmases for children who may not have otherwise had one."

Pictured loading a van with toys ready to be delivered to children are left to right: Supervisor Mark Lesko, Teresa