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Marion Walton Receives Commander Certificate from “Toys for Tots”

Recently, Marion Walton, a Luther Acres Manor resident received the Toys for Tots Commander certificate for her many years of donating her own collectable dolls. Mr. George Foreman, Toys for Tots local representative, presented the award to her.

Mrs. Walton’s residence at Luther Acres Manor, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz, is filled from floor to ceiling with dolls and stuffed animals. She began collecting dolls about 30 years ago after buying a doll for her granddaughter. She decided she liked the doll so much, she got one for herself. From that day on, Mrs. Walton bought dolls through catalogs or TV shows. Friends and family would give her dolls for gifts on holidays and her birthday.

Over the years, the collection grew and when her granddaughter or great-granddaughter would come to visit, she would allow them to pick a doll to take with them as their birthday gift. When Mr. Foreman approached her about donating to the Toys for Tots program, she was more than happy to oblige. She has been giving to Toys for Tots for about 10 years.

At the age of 95, Mrs. Walton currently has about 50 dolls or stuffed animals and loves to show them off to any visitor who is interested in seeing them. She said, “I will continue to contribute to Toys for Tots because I know that some child will enjoy these treasures as much as I have.”

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