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Quincy firm to replace stolen toys meant for sick children

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QUINCY - A Quincy telecommunications firm says it will donate \$5,000 to help replace a collection of donated toys that were stolen from a Quincy Point storage locker earlier this month.

Granite Telecommunications said the money was raised earlier this week by employees across five states and would be presented on Friday to a representative of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, which runs the Toys for Tots program. The program lost several toys meant for patients at Children's Hospital when thieves broke into the Fore River Club House over the Fourth of July weekend.

Police say eight adult-sized bicycles and several remote-control toys were among the items stolen from the Nevada Road building, which is used as a community center and is home to the Ward 2 Civic Association. The Marine Corps uses a room in the building to store donations for the Toys for Tots program.

Police said the thieves also broke into a supply closet on the first floor of the clubhouse and stole several tools, including a Sawzall, two cordless drills, a sander, assorted screwdrivers and a ratchet set. They said the building had been unlocked over the weekend to provide public access to its restrooms.

Granite said its \$5,000 donation includes money raised by employees through a "Jeans Day" fundraiser and matching funds donated by the company.