

EDUCATION

West Pullman Youth Plant Community Garden at Salvation Army Camp

For the fourth summer in a row, more than 50 elementary school students from the West Pullman and Roseland communities ages 6 to 14 took part in The Salvation Army's Summer Day Camp at Higgins Community Academy. Young people built and planted a community garden with fresh flowers, herbs and vegetables and took part in an array of fun activities, including music, golf, soccer, modeling and art. Campers also went on field trips to the Brookfield Zoo, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, and the Morton Arboretum from June 20 to July 1.

The Day Camp culminated in an Open House on Friday, July 1. Youth showcased the garden to their families and celebrated the completion of camp with a carnival and ice cream social. Students will continue to tend the garden

throughout the summer.

The Salvation Army works hand-in-hand with Higgins Community Academy to provide local youth with alternative after-school programming, including the popular Summer Day Camp. Next year, the camp will run all summer long and will include expanded opportunities for campers from across Chicago's South Side.

Background

The Salvation Army Roy and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is scheduled to open in the spring of 2012. The Kroc Center will be a state-of-the-art community and social service facility in one of Chicago's most underserved areas, a community center of unprecedented scope and size. When completed, the Kroc Center will



SALVATION ARMY SUMMER Day Campers on a field trip to the Morton Arboretum.

offer a array of education, sports, arts and support programs for people of all ages none before available in a single Chicago facility. For more information about The Kroc Center, visit www.kroccenterchicago.org.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is the largest social service organization in the world and the single largest direct provider of social services in Chicago and the state of Illinois. The Army operates 200 points of entry in neighborhoods across the greater Chicago area, providing disaster relief, alcohol, mental, rehabilitation programs, child care and head start, senior services and more. On any given night, about 900 people are sleeping under a Salvation Army roof. In 2010, The Army celebrated 125 years of service in Chicago. The Salvation Army is there every day, 24 hours-a-day in Chicago and throughout the country providing disaster relief to people in crisis.



CAMPERS IN THE Salvation Army's Summer Day Camp at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.



CAMPERS PLANTED FLOWERS, herbs, and vegetables as part of The Salvation Army Summer Day Camp.



A CAMPER AT The Salvation Army Kroc Center Summer Day Camp puts the finishing touch on a mural at Higgins Community Academy.



KIDS IN THE Salvation Army Kroc Center Summer Day Camp take a hands on approach to nature on a field trip to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.