



MEDIA ADVISORY
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FREE Salvation Army Back-to-School Health Fair and Gospel Concert Helps Kids Prepare for August School Start

*Grammy Award-Nominated artist **Joshua's Troop** to headline entertainment*

Media Sponsor WYLL 1160-AM to broadcast live at event

WHAT: The Salvation Army will hold the 3rd annual back-to-school health fair in West Pullman to help families prepare for early school start in August. This free health fair will not only provide free back-to-school physicals, but also a variety of free health screenings for adults. Grammy Award-Nominated **Joshua's Troop** and popular Billboard gospel recording artist **Tony Tidwell & Uncommon Favor** will headline a rousing and inspirational day-long line-up of gospel performers, including **New Directions, Lamont Davis and Divine Purpose, and The Salvation Army Kroc Corps Singing Company**. More than 1,200 families attended this event last year. Even more are expected this year for a fun-filled day in the park with expanded entertainment and activities.

Physicals and health screenings to be provided by the **Cook County Health Department and the Chicago Christian Center Mobile Clinic**.

Personalities from media sponsor WYLL 1160-AM, Chicago's Christian Talk, will broadcast live at the event.

- Back-to-school physicals
- Blood pressure, diabetes, HIV testing
- Gospel Music Concert featuring Grammy Award nominated **Joshua's Troop, New Directions, Tony Tidwell & Uncommon Favor, Lamont Davis and Divine Purpose, The Salvation Army Singing Company** and other local artists.
- Backpack and school supply giveaway to 200 kids
- Carnival games and raffle prizes
- Free Food

WHEN: **Saturday, July 23, 2011**
Noon to 7 p.m.
Screening available until 5 p.m.

WHERE: **Cooper Park**
117th and Ada St.
Chicago

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Background

The Salvation Army Ray 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 offer an array of education, sports, arts and support programs for people of all ages never 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, shelter, meals, 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.

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