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Christmas at the Plaza

The Salvation Army teams up with Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center to present special Christmas event for area families

Christmas celebrations abound throughout the city and suburbs and recently in the spirit of joy The Salvation Army Kroc Center Corps partnered with Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center at 119th and Marshfield for the second year in a row for a day-long Christmas celebration for families from the West Pullman and

Roseland neighborhoods of Chicago.

Children in the Kroc Center Youth Band and the Evergreen Park Middle School band performed for shoppers, who visited Santa in his Holiday Workshop, rode the holiday trolley and enjoyed holiday craft activities. Children were also invited to paint and decorate a tile depicting what activities they want to participate in at the Kroc Center. The finished tiles will form a mosaic for the art room of the completed Kroc Center.

Funds for the tile project were

generously donated by Marshfield Plaza, along with mall space to host the festive event. Marshfield Plaza also helped The Salvation Army collect gifts for the Angel Tree Program and donated canned goods to help feed the hungry.

"My whole family loves art, so this event is really special to us today," said Veronica Smith, who attended the event and painted tiles for the Kroc Center with her two children Chianti and Lamoni Scardivanti. "I know the kids want to participate in basketball, painting, and dancing

once the Kroc Center opens and I plan on volunteering my time to help others through The Salvation Army as much as I can."

Marshfield Plaza is located just blocks from the Kroc Center site. Since the Topping Off Ceremony in May, when the final steel beam was placed, the construction of the Kroc Center has moved along swiftly. The entire Kroc Center is projected to be completed in 2012. Since the beginning of this construction project, The Kroc Center has created more than 200 construction jobs, including

jobs for local residents.

For more than four years, The Salvation Army has collaborated with West Pullman community organizations and families to develop positive programs for area youth, including educational, arts and sports activities designed to enrich the mind, body and spirit. For more information about the broad array of education, sports, art and supportive programs of the future Kroc Center, as well as the many community programs already underway, visit www.kroccenterchicago.org and follow us on Facebook.



WO-YEAR-OLD Naveah Franklin gets her photo taken on Santa's lap at the second annual Salvation Army and Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center Christmas event.



DEJAH WINFIELD, 11, and Sidney Smith, 7, put on their holiday smiles as they share a photo moment with Santa and Kroc Center Administrator Major Darlene Harvey at The Salvation Army and Marshfield Plaza Christmas.





CHRISTMAS IS IN the air and Veronica and her two children, Chianti and Lamont, each painted a tile depicting what activities they're most looking forward to doing in the Kroc Center once construction has been completed.

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THE MILLERS, Dayanna, 11 and Niya, 10 painted tiles for a mosaic to be displayed in the art room of the completed Kroc Center at The Salvation Army and Marshfield Plaza Christmas event on Saturday, December 3.

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