

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Group performs with California Divisional Youth Band

The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center welcomed the Southern California Divisional Youth Band, a 33-piece brass ensemble featuring the best high school and college musicians from across Southern California, for a series of special performances at five West Pullman and Roseland Chicago Public Schools on Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29. Chicago was the first stop in the group's international tour and the band performed a variety of brass styles, from classical to jazz, and featured choral accompaniments.

The Southern California Divisional Youth Band performed at Johnnie Coleman Academy, Higgins Community Academy, Anna R. Langford Community Academy, Kipling Elementary School and Songhai Elementary Learning Institute. Kids enrolled in Salvation Army music programs at Higgins and Songhai had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform a selection of songs with the visiting youth band.

"When a group like the Southern California Divisional Youth Band performs for our kids, it shows them that there's a transition between what they're doing



MEMBERS OF THE Southern California Divisional Youth Band with Kevin Larsen, Southern California Divisional Music Director (third from left); Paulette Williams, Johnnie Coleman Academy Principal; Major David Harvey, Kroc Center Administrator; and Anna DeLeon, 9, a Salvation Army music student that attends Johnnie Coleman Academy.

can continue their band experience," said Paulette Williams, Principal, Johnnie Coleman Academy. "The South Side does not have a lot of community outreach programs. It's so wonderful that The Salvation Army is in our community before the Kroc Center is built because it shows our kids that the community cares about them."

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The Salvation Army is the largest direct provider of social services to people in need in Greater Chicago. The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division serves people in need in Greater Chicago, northern Illinois and northwestern Indiana. Among the assistance provided are youth programs; early childhood development services; feeding programs for homeless adults, chil-

dren and seniors; emergency lodging for families and individuals in crisis; disaster relief; senior housing; spiritual counseling and substance abuse rehabilitation programs.

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CELESTINA OLUWADARE, a student at Higgins Community Academy, performs a song with the Southern California Divisional Youth Band.



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