

Give  
hope  
A Campaign to Transform Lives

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## Kroc Center Spreads Christmas Cheer



For the second year, the Kroc Center has partnered with the Alderman's office to offer Christmas assistance. Over **300 families and 850 children** were served this Christmas by receiving food and toys.

The Salvation Army has seen a tremendous increase of those seeking assistance this year due to the difficulties caused by the economy's downturn. **Twenty-five percent more** families were served this year from last year in the West Pullman Community.

Higgins Community Academy partnered with The Salvation Army by collecting more than 40 crates of canned goods. This equaled more than **40 boxes of food** which were used to provide meals for families. Students brought in canned goods to be able to participate in their Jingle Bell Hop.

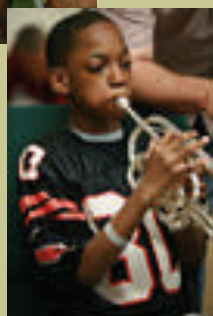
Pictured above are the gift bags which included a gift for each child up to 18 years old. Families also received hat/gloves, candy, a game for their family, toiletry items, Christmas cards, & a Christmas magazine. Christmas trees were also available.



## Drum Lines Makes Debut at Christmas Recital



.The Advanced Band, Beginner's Band, Keyboard Class, and the Percussion Classes participated in the Christmas Recital at Higgins Community Academy. The highlight was the **drum line**. Parents are elated to see their children have these opportunities.



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## Kroc Center Provides Assemblies & Gifts at Local Schools



The Kroc Center, along with the Youth Department and Music Department visited schools in the service area. The Music Department provided a concert as the children sang along. Schools visited included: **Johnnie Coleman Academy, West Pullman Elementary, Garvey, Higgins Community Academy, Wendell Smith, W.E.B. Du-Bois School, & Whistler.** The theme was, **"You Have to Read to Succeed,"** placing an emphasis on literacy. Seven schools in the area were provided this opportunity and **1,415 students** received school supplies.



Pictured above are students from **Johnnie Coleman Academy.**



### Upcoming Opportunities:

- **First Place 4 Health Classes**
- **Soccer Program**
- **Family Movie Nights**

## Campaign Update

**The Give Hope Campaign has reached 34% of its goal!**

**\$17,057,177.50**



## Thank You for Giving Hope.....

**Thank you** for all you are doing to make the Kroc Center a reality! As you can see, the dreams of the Center are already making an impact in this community!

You are putting **smiles** on young people's faces and giving them **Hope** not only for their futures but for today!

Pictured right are Sunbeams working on their **Etiquette Emblem** making thank you cards.

