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#### About the Kroc Center

*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. It will provide thousands of people of all ages with new opportunities and become an anchor for the community and a beacon of hope. The array of sports, educational, arts and supportive programs has never been offered in Chicago.*

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## Around the Kroc News

April 2009

### Salvation Army Organizes Career Days for West Pullman Youth

Kids Visit Rush University Medical Center to Learn About Health Careers



At the heart of the inspiration for the future Salvation Army Kroc Center is Joan Kroc's dream of providing all children with an equal opportunity to build on their natural gifts and talents. The Salvation Army's current programming in West Pullman is already making that dream a reality. The latest example is a series of Career Day events to expose local youth to a variety of fields and careers, encouraging them to explore options and plan for the future.

For the first Career Day, Salvation Army staff took 15 young people to Rush University Medical Center. They learned about the broad range of health care occupations and the academic requirements for each. Students gained hands-on experience, participating in medical instrument demonstrations, and took guided tours of the ER and operating rooms.

Future outings are planned for the Chicago Fire Academy and WGN Radio. For more information or to volunteer to host a career day event at your place of business, contact Darlene Harvey at [Darlene\\_Harvey@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Darlene_Harvey@usc.salvationarmy.org).



## Kroc in the News

The **John Williams Show** on **WGN AM Radio** recently welcomed Majors Darlene and David Harvey, co-administrators of the Kroc Center project, to talk about the Kroc Center and The Salvation Army's work in and around West Pullman.

[Listen to Majors Darlene and Dave Harvey on the John Williams Show on WGN AM Radio. www.kroccenterchicago.org/news/wgnInterview.php](http://www.kroccenterchicago.org/news/wgnInterview.php)

Alderman Carrie Austin, 34th Ward, appeared on **Fox-TV's "Good Day Chicago"** show in March and spoke enthusiastically about The Salvation Army's work in West Pullman and the future Kroc Center. The segment was part of a special series featuring aldermen from around the city.

**Chicago Sun-Times** real estate columnist David Roeder wrote about the gift to the Kroc Center campaign from the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust (see article below).

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### Kroc Center Campaign Update

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center has been approved to receive **\$500,000** in the fall of 2009, two grants for \$250,000 each, from the **Searle Funds at the Chicago Community Trust**.

"We are sincerely grateful for this generous gift," said Lieutenant Colonel David Grindle, divisional commander, The Salvation Army. "In these tough times, the grants are doubly important because the current economy has made things difficult for everyone – from non-profit organizations to the people we help, Chicago's neediest."

The Salvation Army Kroc Center capital campaign, "Give Hope: A Campaign to Transform Lives" has raised more than **\$16.2 million, 88% of our goal** to begin construction.

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### Salvation Army Sunbeams



**Salvation Army Major Darlene Harvey recently took the Sunbeams to the local public library to get library cards and participate in a special event promoting literacy and reading.**

The Salvation Army's **Sunbeams** program at Higgins Community Academy in West Pullman helps girls ages 6 to 11 to grow socially, mentally and spiritually. From learning to help at home, to assisting others in the community, Sunbeams opens girls' eyes to how they can make a difference in the world around them.

Sunbeam activities include field trips, camps and service projects. Girls earn activity "emblems" honoring their achievements. Sunbeams gives them a refuge, a place to be themselves, have fun and gain self-confidence.

In May, The Salvation Army will honor its Sunbeams, as well as the Adventure Corps character-building program for boys, at a special awards ceremony celebrating their achievements.

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### The Salvation Army in Chicago and the Nation

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 will celebrate 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.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.