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Giving Hope and Transforming Lives...

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Kroc Center Starts New Year Focusing on Health

As The Salvation Army has entered 2009, the Kroc Center has focused on promoting good health. Studies have shown that the community is hard hit by diabetes, smoking, adult and pediatric asthma, depression, adult and pediatric obesity, high blood pressure, and arthritis. To address these issues, The Salvation Army has started a "First Place 4 Health" class, which focuses on leading a balanced life physically, socially, mentally, and spiritually. Participants learn about nutrition, weigh in weekly, encourage one another, have daily Bible Study, and set goals for eating and physical activity. (Pictured below)



The Salvation Army has recently started an after-school soccer program at Johnnie Colemon Academy. Pictured above are soccer participants.

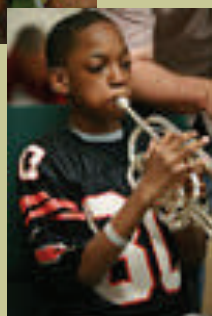
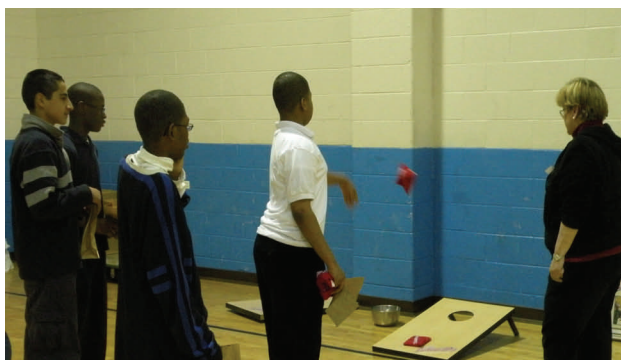


Pictured right are children from character building programs earning their physical fitness emblem as they learn martial arts through "EnergizaBulls."



The Salvation Army Promotes School Attendance

The Kroc Center partnered with Johnnie Colemon Academy in celebrating perfect attendance and good grades by providing a movie and game day for the students. Students had fun with their school friends and learned they had community friends who believe in them. Parents were invited to the celebration and received a game to play at home with their children. Students, parents, and teachers concluded the day with a pizza party provided by the Army.



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Project Office Opens

The Kroc Center moved into their project office during December. This will allow better community involvement and increased relationship building. Already, meetings and health classes have been held. The project office is located at 11357 S. Halsted and is a 1,400-square-foot area being rented from Sheldon Heights Church. It includes three office cubicles and an open space for meetings and/or additional offices for the future.



Inaugural Assembly



The Salvation Army participated in Higgins Community Academy's Inaugural Assembly and Celebration by providing a brass ensemble for special music. The Salvation Army-sponsored drum line was also featured as part of the celebration. Parents and children were invited to celebrate this historic day, as the first African-American president was inaugurated. The Salvation Army also provided lunch for parents and staff.



Current Programs:

- **Mondays—Health Class for Women—Project Office/After-school—Theater & Percussion—Johnnie Coleman Academy**
- **Tuesdays—After-school—Green Club—Higgins Community Academy**
- **Wednesdays —After-school—Choir and Art/ Evening—Bible Study and Basketball**
- **Thursdays—Music Instruction at Higgins—Keyboard, Music Lab, Percussion, Beg. Band, Advance Band; After-school—Character Building, Theater**
- **Friday —After-school— Soccer at Johnnie Coleman Academy**
- **Sundays—Launch Team for Church Ministry**

Campaign Update

The Give Hope Campaign has reached 31% of its goal!

\$15,453,557.66



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 Johnnie Coleman Academy students who participated in the Army's choir and enjoyed playing hockey during game day.



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