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WBBM News Anchor Pat Cassidy with children in The Salvation Army Kroc Corps Singing Company at the 16th Annual WBBM Good Neighbor Radiothon.

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*The Kroc Center will be a state-of-the-art community and social services 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

January 2012

## Kroc Corps Singing Company Performs Live at WBBM Radio's 16th Annual Good Neighbor Radiothon



Vinesha Johnson , 11, performs with The Salvation Army Kroc Corps Singing Company at WBBM Radio's 16th Annual Good Neighbor Radiothon on Friday, December 16.

The Salvation Army Kroc Corps Singing Company performed live at the 16th Annual WBBM Good Neighbor Radiothon on Friday, December 16 at Navy Pier. The all-day radiothon raised more than \$100,000 for Salvation Army programs and services.

WBBM personalities broadcasted live from Navy Pier, from 5 a.m. to midnight, while volunteers for The Salvation Army accepted donations via phone. In addition to the Singing Company, live entertainment was also provided by The Salvation Army's Brass Ensemble and The Salvation Army Central Madison Street Choir.

[Click here](#) to see more photos of the Kroc Corps Singing Company's performance at the WBBM Good Neighbor Radiothon.

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## Higgins Community Academy Students Tour United Center and Meet Forward Sidney Green



*Higgins Community Academy students at a Chicago Bulls Basketball Clinic in 2010.*

In December, The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps and Higgins Community Academy took 30 students on a tour of the United Center, home of the Chicago Bulls. During the tour, the students met former Chicago Bulls star Sidney Green and Tony Rokita, Senior Manager of Community Relations, who talked to the students about the importance of hard work and having a dream.

The United Center Tour and Chicago Bulls meet and greet was offered as an incentive to students for improving their grades and performance in school. The tour was a reward and a reinforcement of the importance of making school a top priority.

The future Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center complex will include an indoor contest gymnasium and outdoor courts for recreational and competitive basketball sponsored by the Chicago Bulls.

## Family of Olympic Gold Medal Swimmer Supports Kroc Center Aquatics



Alan Irzyk, President of Adolph Kiefer & Associates (Kiefer), and Shelly Kiefer, Vice President of Sales, toured the aquatic facilities at The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center on Tuesday, December 13. During the tour, Kiefer offered their expertise on pools and youth swim programs.

Gold medalist Olympic swimmer (1936) Adolph Kiefer founded Adolph Kiefer & Associates in 1947. Since then, Kiefer has been an innovator in the swim community, introducing many ground-breaking aquatic performance and safety products.

The Aquatic Center promises to be one of the most popular attractions of the Kroc Center. It will offer recreational swimming and much more, including instruction in swimming and diving, competitions, water aerobics and lifeguard training.

## W.E. O'Neil Hosts Kroc Center Christmas Party to Collect Toys and Clothes for Needy Families



*Jeremiah Shepherd, Jennifer Chaplin, W.E. O'Neil President John Russell and Kroc Center Administrator Major David Harvey unload toys and clothes for needy children at the W.E. O'Neil Christmas Party on December 7.*

W.E. O'Neil and the Kroc Center construction team held a Christmas Party Wednesday, December 7, in the gym of the future Kroc Center and collected more

than 125 Angel Tree donations for boys and girls on the Far South Side of Chicago. The Salvation Army would like to thank all of the members of the Kroc Center construction team for their hard work and generous donations to needy children this holiday season:

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Sanchez Paving  
Sanders Landscaping  
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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 celebrated 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.

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center represents the largest single investment ever made by a social service organization in Chicago. The Salvation Army is already making a significant impact in the lives of children and families on the Far South Side of Chicago. A contribution to the "Give Hope" campaign supports both the construction of the Kroc Center and the endowment, which will provide operational stability, funding for programs, program scholarships, and materials such as sports equipment and musical instruments. It will also guarantee equal access to the Kroc Center for every child and adult for generations to come.

For more information about how to support the "Give Hope" campaign, please visit our web site at [www.kroccenterchicago.org](http://www.kroccenterchicago.org) or email [Robert\\_Bonesteel@usc.salvationarmy.com](mailto:Robert_Bonesteel@usc.salvationarmy.com) or call (773) 205-3550.