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ABC 7's "Live Green" Features The Salvation Army Community Garden at Higgins Community Academy

Kids get hands-on gardening experience planting community vegetable and flower garden



ABC 7 Chicago's Hosea Sanders and the "Live Green" team visited The Salvation Army's Green Day Camp at Higgins Community Academy to see first-hand how West Pullman youth grades 4 through 7 had the incredible opportunity to build a community garden from the ground up. The "Live Green" segment aired July 3 on the ABC 7 5:00 p.m. television news broadcast. [Click here](#) to view the show!



For two weeks in June, 40 elementary school students from Higgins Community Academy participated in The Salvation Army's Green Day Camp and cultivated a community garden from the ground up. Campers also built raised beds; prepared the soil; and planted vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Students will continue to tend the garden throughout the summer, nurturing their crops while learning about science and agriculture. At the end of the growing season, the campers will sell their produce at a second annual farmer's market this fall. "When I see people in the community receive these fruits and vegetables from us, I feel as though we've helped out in the world," said Bryant Harris, a second-year Green Day Camp participant.

During the session, campers also enjoyed field trips to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Lincoln Park Zoo and Sand Ridge Nature Center to learn more about the environment and nature.

The Salvation Army works hand-in-hand with Higgins Community Academy and other local schools to provide youth with enriching summer programs, including the popular Green Day Camp. The summer Green Day Camp has been so successful that Higgins Community Academy extended the Green Club into the school year as a way for students to continue studying science and agriculture.

In addition to the Green Day Camp, The Salvation Army provides several other camping opportunities for West Pullman youth, including a Sports Day Camp and overnight camps at Camp Wonderland in Wisconsin, which includes a music camp.

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About the Kroc Center

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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“Feeling Just Ducky” on Health Radio Network recently welcomed Major David Harvey, co-administrator of the Kroc Center project, to talk about the many health benefits that the Kroc Center and The Salvation Army provide to children in West Pullman and nationwide.

Listen to Major David Harvey on “Feeling Just Ducky” with host Barbra Alexander on the Health Radio Network. <http://healthradio.net/show-guide/Health-Radio-Shows/Feelin%27-Just-Ducky>



West Pullman Youth Attend LPGA Solheim Cup in Partnership with Kids Golf Foundation

Fore! The Salvation Army Chicago Kroc Center Team has partnered with the Kids Golf Foundation of Illinois to help provide junior golf programs to kids in West Pullman for The Salvation Army’s summer Sports Day Camp and other programs. The Kids Golf Foundation has provided golf equipment and curriculum under its Starting New At Golf (SNAG) Demo program, for kids who have participated in The Salvation Army Kroc Center’s youth golf since 2008.

“The Kids Golf Foundation has been a critical partner in bringing golf to the Kroc area,” said Salvation Army Kroc Center Administrator Major David Harvey. “We have borrowed SNAG training equipment for the kids for use in our sports camp of 30 plus kids and also allowed the gym teacher to use the equipment at Higgins Community Academy in her fall physical education classes. We have since purchased two sets of SNAG education clubs and the foundation donated a third set for us to expand this program.”

This August, the Kids Golf Foundation will be involved in the **Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) 2009 Solheim Cup**, a prestigious team event in women’s professional golf. Held August 17-23, 2009 at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, Illinois, the Solheim Cup is a biennial, trans-Atlantic team match-play competition featuring the best U.S.-born players from the LPGA and best European-born players from the Ladies European Tour (LET). The Kids Golf Foundation of Illinois is a partner in the planning and staging of the event as well as one of the benefiting charities.

The Salvation Army is bringing a group of West Pullman children involved in Kroc Center programming to the Solheim Cup. While attending, the group will visit **Solheim Cup FORE Kids**, an activity area for kids of all ages, their families and youth groups who attend the event. Open daily August 17-23, the Solheim Cup FORE Kids brings the spirit of golf and other aspects of the sport to those who attend, while making it fun, interactive and educational. A behind the scenes tour, educational activities and more will be available daily.

“We have taken kids out to Sugar Grove for day clinics and competitions and the kids are looking forward to seeing professional golfers in action at the Solheim Cup,” added Major Harvey. “Especially for our girls, I pray this trip opens their eyes to how golf can be fun and also opens up scholarship opportunities for them in the future. Many scholarships for girls golf go unclaimed by kids on the Southside because they have not had the opportunity to learn the sport. The Kids Golf Foundation and The Salvation Army Kroc Center are working together to change this.”

Single Day tickets are now available for the 2009 Solheim Cup. Kids 15 and under get in free to the event with a ticketed adult. The price for adult, single day tickets are as follows:

\$25 Practice Round

Tuesday, August 18 – Thursday, August 20
Special Offer: \$5 for Monday, August 17

\$50 Competition Round

Friday, August 21- Sunday, August 23

Please call 1-866-848-4639 to purchase single day tickets or visit www.solheim-tickets.com.



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.