



Around the Kroc News

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Salvation Army Reaches 90 Percent of First Fundraising Goal for Kroc Center

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center campaign committee has raised **\$16.4 million**, or **90 percent** of its initial **\$18.3 million** fundraising goal and is on target to begin site development this fall and construction next year.

On Wednesday, June 10, The Salvation Army held an event providing an update on Kroc Center campaign progress and construction timelines.



Lt. Colonel David E. Grindle and Salvation Army Soldier Vincent Johnson.

“Our progress is a powerful testament to the strong merits of this project and the need and desire for the Kroc Center on the Far South Side of our city,” said Judy Keller, co-chair of the Kroc Center Capital Campaign Committee. “It’s hard to overestimate how challenging raising funds is right now, yet we are reaching our goal. The determination and generosity of Chicago’s philanthropic community has kept this important project moving forward.”

In addition to two anonymous lead gifts of \$5 million and \$8 million, the campaign has received donations from a broad range of individuals, organizations and foundations.

“The need for the opening of the Kroc Center grows more urgent by the day,” said Lt. Col. David Grindle. “Every day we get closer to opening the Kroc Center, we are one day closer to giving young people positive choices, and one day closer to providing education and job training for people struggling to get back on their feet.”

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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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Support the Kroc Center Campaign

Learn about the latest Kroc Center developments. Go to www.KrocCenterChicago.org



Higgins Community Academy students Diamond Gant and Pierce Cruz.



Higgins Community Academy drum line and band performed at the event.

Latest Building Schematics Released



The Salvation Army unveiled the latest Kroc Center building schematics and renderings developed by the architectural firm Antunovich and Associates.

The latest design includes every facility and component of the original, but will enable construction to be phased so that the Kroc Center becomes operational at the earliest possible moment.

“In this economic climate, where there is competition for funding, we need to maximize every dollar we invest in this building,” Grindle said. “The revised design of the Kroc Center will help us achieve much needed cost savings without compromising any facilities or programs and assure that we stay within our original construction budget and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.”

The news received broad press coverage. For links to news coverage, go to www.kroccenterchicago.org.

Career Days Continue with Trip to WGN AM Radio



Students get a behind-the-scenes look at WGN AM Radio with host John Williams.

If you would like to learn more or host a Career Day at your place of business, contact Darlene_Harvey@usc.salvationarmy.org.

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.