



# Around the Kroc News

May 2009



Day campers learning golf.

## The Salvation Army Invites You to Celebrate the Accomplishments of West Pullman Youth and Meet Our Kroc Center Team

Thursday, May 28, at Higgins Community Academy

Choose between two compelling events:

### 10 A.M. - MUSIC RECITAL

The Salvation Army - Higgins Student Band and students in Salvation Army-sponsored percussion and keyboard classes will perform. The Salvation Army Kroc Center team provides music instruction to students at Higgins during school hours and through a variety of after-school programs.

A luncheon will follow the recital.

### 2 P.M. - THE COURT OF AWARDS CEREMONY

This ceremony will honor more than 40 girls and boys enrolled in The Salvation Army Sunbeams and Adventure Corps, fun-filled, character-building programs that help elementary school children develop socially, mentally and spiritually. Sunbeam girls and Adventure Corps boys have earned emblems in *Friendship, Personal Safety, First Aid and Patriotism*.

To RSVP, please contact: Robert A. Bonesteel, Give Hope Campaign Director (773) 205-3550 or [Robert\\_Bonesteel@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Robert_Bonesteel@usc.salvationarmy.org).

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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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## Kroc Team Takes Students to Chicago's Fire Department Training Academy

Sound the alarm! Students visited the **Chicago's Fire Department Training Academy** on May 1 for an up close look at what it takes to become a Chicago firefighter. The outing was part of **Career Days**, a series of trips organized by The Salvation Army Kroc Center team to expose local youth to a variety of fields and careers and encourage them to explore options and plan for the future.



Later this month, students will stop by **WGN AM Radio** studios on Michigan Avenue to get an earful on careers in broadcasting with weekday morning show host **John Williams**.

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).

## Salvation Army Enhances Arts Education in West Pullman Elementary Schools

**Arts education** is a critical component to a well-rounded education for every child. That's why The Salvation Army Kroc Center team works closely with West Pullman schools to augment their existing arts education programs during regular school hours and develop creative outlets and safe, enriching alternatives for students after school.

In addition to offering a wide range of music instruction, The Salvation Army also supports a variety of visual arts programs, providing professional instruction, materials and equipment to students in West Pullman.



A **Johnnie Colman Academy** student creates an original work of art during a Salvation Army-sponsored class.

## Majors Darlene and David Harvey Cultivate Community Relationships and Build New Programs for Families in West Pullman



Major David Harvey (far left) and Major Darlene Harvey (2nd from right) with members of the **Higgins Elementary Green Club**, a program organized by The Salvation Army.

Located in a modest storefront in the heart of West Pullman, the new **Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center project office** is a hub of activity and the base of operations for the dozens of classes, programs and events that The Salvation Army develops and runs year-round in the far south side neighborhood. The Salvation Army opened the program office as a base for developing programs and partnerships today that will serve as a foundation for programming, once construction of the Kroc Center is complete and open to the public.

Heading up the efforts in West Pullman are **Majors Darlene and David Harvey**, an energetic duo working tirelessly for almost three years to develop ongoing partnerships with local schools, churches, businesses and elected officials to bring new opportunities to area families. Twenty-year veterans of The Salvation Army with two children of their own, the Harveys have become an integral part of the community, organizing, teaching and leading a range of educational, recreational and spiritual programs for students, parents and entire families.

In just three short years, the Harveys have assembled a dedicated and enthusiastic team of professional teachers and volunteers both from The Salvation Army and the community. The team has successfully developed new classes and programs, including women's health classes, after-school activities for students, summer camps, a new corps ministry and much more.

"We work hand-in-hand with community leaders and local groups to develop programs that truly serve the needs of the people in this neighborhood," says Major Darlene Harvey. "The success of our work comes from the enthusiastic participation of the community. It's wonderful to be embraced by the people of West Pullman and we look forward to continuing to build services here. The families of West Pullman are really excited about the Kroc Center."

In the past year, despite the economic downturn, The Salvation Army has continued to step up efforts in West Pullman, doubling the number of after-school programs for students and launching the corps ministry. By engaging community leaders and local families, The Harvey's team is creating a solid foundation for all of the new services and opportunities the Kroc Center will bring to the neighborhood.

### 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.