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Around the Kroc News

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Salvation Army Participates in 'Principal for a Day' at Christian Fenger Academy High School and Higgins Community Academy



Salvation Army Major David Harvey, Kroc Center Administrator, participated in Chicago Public School's 'Principal for a Day' program at Christian Fenger Academy High School on October 29. This fall, The Salvation Army is actively collaborating with Fenger to provide much needed after-school programs and resources, including a theatre component for teens that has been absent from the school for years.

Kroc Center Administrator Major Darlene Harvey shadowed Higgins Community Academy principal Dr. Mable Alfred. The Salvation Army has been actively involved with Higgins Community Academy for the past two years, providing numerous after-school programs in music instruction, character building and sports.

Corps Sgt. Major Vincent Johnson, Director of Outreach and Evangelism, attended Songhai Elementary Learning Institute, one of the newest schools that The Salvation Army is partnering with on the South Side. Members of The Salvation Army Divisional Music Department also participated in the 'Principal for a Day' program in schools on the South Side. Divisional Music and Fine Arts Director Vernon Lawson attended Kipling Elementary School, while Joe Caddy was placed at Johnnie Coleman Academy and Kaela Rampton attended John Whistler Elementary School.

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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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Salvation Army Launches Flag Football for Kids in West Pullman Schools



The Salvation Army is launching a program to bring back flag football to three schools on the Far South Side. After recent cuts in funding for after-school activities, including organized sports, The Salvation Army is helping to fill the gap by making flag football the first sport to be reintegrated into West Pullman schools.

Involving kids at an early age in organized sports and other after-school activities are critical components of keeping kids safe and away from the hazards of the street and teaching them how to work together as a team. Participation in sports also builds meaningful friendships that cross territorial lines.

Approximately 75 boys in grades 5-8 from Higgins Community Academy, Songhai Elementary Learning Institute, John Whistler Elementary School and Cooper Park participated in the three-week flag football pilot program.

This winter, flag football will transition to indoor basketball, so kids will have the opportunity to stay healthy and active throughout the winter.



Kroc in the News



The **John Williams Show** on **WGN AM Radio** recently welcomed Major David Harvey, Paul Rigby, Chair of the 'Give Hope' Campaign and Corps Sgt. Major Vincent Johnson to talk about the Kroc Center and the work The Salvation Army is already doing in West Pullman.

Click on <http://www.kroccenterchicago.org/interviews/John-Williams2/index.htm> to listen to The Salvation Army on the John Williams Show on WGN AM Radio.



CBS 2 Chicago's Suzanne Le Mignot visited Higgins Community Academy to see first-hand how The Salvation Army Kroc Corps Community Center is already making a difference on the Far South Side. Suzanne interviewed Major David Harvey and Corps Sgt. Major Vincent Johnson and spoke with several kids involved in Kroc Center programming about the impact The Salvation Army has made on their lives. The segment aired October 28 on the CBS 2 6:00 p.m. television news broadcast. To view the

clip, click on <http://cbs2chicago.com/local/ray.and.joan.2.1276894.html> !

Salvation Army Green Club Holds 2nd Annual Farmer's Market

Students sell fresh produce, herbs and flowers



Dean Niedenthal, After-school Programs Coordinator, and Monte Sier, Green Club Director, pose with Salvation Army Kroc Center Administrator Major Darlene Harvey and kids in the Green Club.

The Salvation Army Green Club at Higgins Community Academy kicked-off the new school year by holding their second annual farmer's market. Alongside Broertjes Farms of Lowell, Indiana, kids aged 9 to 14 sold fresh produce, herbs and flowers grown in their community garden to fellow students and neighboring families.

"It was great to see the kids learning business skills, such as presentation, marketing and handling money," said Kroc Center Administrator Major Darlene Harvey. "They all had fun and learned a lot. It was a wonderful follow-up to the community garden."

The Green Club is an extension of The Salvation Army summer Green Day Camp, during which students cultivated a community garden from the ground up, building raised beds, preparing the soil and planting seeds. The Higgins Community Academy Green Club allows students to continue to nurture their garden during the school year and learn more about environmental issues, nutrition, agriculture and science.



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.