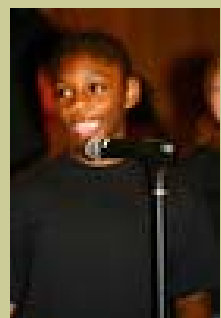




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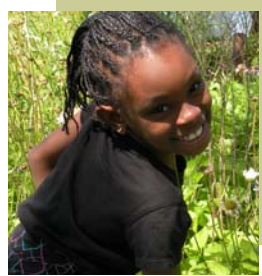
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Young People Attend Metro Music Camp



Three of the campers won awards in their bands. Merissa Barber-Smith won second place in the solo contest in the Shagbark Band and took first place in the overall band-achievement award. In the same band, Pierce Cruz won third place out of 34 players. Jabbar Lindsey achieved first place in the Chapel Choir. As well, Cierra Allen had a solo in the closing concert. This shows the quality, potential, and talent represented from the Kroc Center area.

"My son learned to work with others and be more focused." "My son talked about meeting different people and learning new languages. He has made friends from all over the area." "I learned to play higher and lower notes and I really improved playing my instrument while I was at camp. I also loved swimming, playing basketball, and going to classes." "I loved going to chapel and worship." These are some of the quotes from the 17 young people and their parents from the West Pullman community who attended the Metro Music Camp held at Camp Wonderland.

Thirty-five family members attended the closing concert and BBQ. It was a great celebration and gathering. Parents were grateful that their children had the experience to go to camp not only to learn about music, but develop socially, physically, and spiritually. One parent commented that she is so thankful that The Salvation Army is faith-based, because it has allowed her son to discover his leadership abilities and also has helped him in his every day walk with God.



The Music Camp offered them a seven-day experience away from their neighborhood that is filled with violence and crime. Campers had music classes three times a day, chose electives, participated in recreation, were challenged in Bible studies, and took part in inspirational evening programs.

Sunbeam Camp Includes Nine Girls From West Pullman



Nine girls from the newly formed troop of 28 Sunbeams from West Pullman attended their first Sunbeam Camp. They enthusiastically participated in uniform inspection where they proudly displayed their sashes and eagerly look forward to receiving four more emblems from their participation at camp. The girls learned about family relationships and how to resolve conflict. One of the girls recently lost her mother, so this was a special time to make friends and realize that within The Salvation Army one receives a sense of belonging and acceptance. The girls left camp realizing they are a part of a loving family.

Children Receive Swimming Lessons



Studies show that **6 out of 10 African-American** children are **unable to swim**. African-American children are **three times** more likely to **drown** than their Caucasian counterparts. Furthermore, **less than 1/10** of children from non-swimmer African-American families go on to **learn to swim**. (Source: USA Swimming Foundation) The Salvation Army is making a difference in this area by providing **swimming lessons** at Camp Wonderland. All of the Sunbeams who attended camp from West Pullman had swimming classes with **Red Cross-Certified Life Guards**. Some of them passed their **deep-water test** and were **diving** in the



deep-end by the conclusion of the camp. This is just a drop of water in a pool compared to the difference that the Kroc Center will make with its **Aquatics Center** in the West Pullman area. The **Kroc Center** will make a splash in the community which will have a rippling effect **changing stereotypes** regarding swimming and the African-American population. **Cullen Jones** is the third African-American to make the **US Olympic Swim Team**. In August, you will be able to see him compete for our country in a sport that has been difficult for African-Americans to access. Just think of all of the **future Olympians** who will be brought to the "waters edge" because of the hard work of the campaign steering committee to bring aquatics to the Kroc Center.



Upcoming Events & Opportunities:

- Health Fair with Another-Chance Ministries
- HopSports Fitness Program
- Fall Leagues
- Southside Project Office

Campaign Update



The Give Hope Campaign has reached 14% of its goal!
\$6,996,707.06

Thank You for Giving Hope.....

Thank you for all you are doing to make the Kroc Center a reality! As you can see, the dreams of the Center are already making an impact in this community!

You are putting **smiles** on young people's faces and giving them **Hope** not only for their futures but for today!

