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A Campaign to Transform Lives



## Giving Hope and Transforming Lives...

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### Community

### Possibilities &

### Opportunities:

- **Fine Arts Recital, May 30, 9:30/10:30— Higgins Community Academy**
- **Renting Office Space at Sheldon Heights Church**
- **Children Attending Music Camp & Sunbeam Camp**
- **Day Camp at Higgins with focus on Science & Fine Arts**
- **Family Bridges Workshops**
- **Partnering with “Hook a Kid on Golf” with summer school kids**
- **Partnering with the Bulls for Hop-Sports**
- **Lt. Col. Grindle to be guest speaker at 8th Grade Commencement Ceremony**

### Salvation Army Drama Team Attends Goodman Theater

The Salvation Army, in partnership with **Music Theater Workshop**, started a Drama Team made up of **10 middle-school students** from **Higgins Community Academy**. This program prepares young people to make positive life choices through the process of writing, producing, and performing original musical theatre inspired by personal stories. Exploring issues such as incarceration of parents, bullying, drugs, and peer-pressure, a relevant and life-changing opportunity is offered. The team had an opportunity to attend the “**Ballad of Emmett Till**” at the **Goodman Theater**. **Ernest Sawyer**, an Advisory Board Member, sponsored this event as a fund-raiser for the Kroc Center.



All of the young people who are in Music Theater Workshop are also a part of The Salvation Army's **music program** at Higgins which serves **77 students** in **beginners' band, intermediate band, choir, or keyboard**. One of those pictured above is Asia, who is learning percussion. While at the Goodman Theater, she asked if she could contribute towards the fundraiser and gave a \$2.00 donation out of her own pocket. This shows how even the young people in this community desire to be a part of making this Center a reality.

This ballad was a historical and cultural experience allowing the young people to learn how human tragedy was used to bring about change. It also gave them an opportunity to dream about the possibility to pursue acting in their futures.

### Sunbeams Pledge to be “Drug-Free”

The Salvation Army has helped meet a need for after-school programming by starting a Sunbeam Troop, a character building program, at Higgins Community Academy for 3rd—5th grade girls. Since starting in March, an average of 25 girls weekly have studied such topics as personal health, nutrition, cooking, homemaker, and drug awareness. They recently celebrated by having an “Everybody's Birthday Party” with a Princess Theme. The emphasis of the party was making a pledge to remain drug-free in order to live a longer life and have many birthdays!

