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The Salvation Army Joins Mayor Richard M. Daley and Alderman Carrie Austin at the Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center Peace Rally

South Side community celebrates Chicago's commitment to end violence

The Salvation Army, Alderman Carrie Austin, Primestore and other South Side community organizations celebrated the grand opening of the Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center, located at 119th and Marshfield, on Saturday, June 5. The day-long event included a gospel concert, youth area, and a carnival. Mayor Daley and other political figures and church leaders were on hand to show their support for peace on the South Side.

The Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center contains businesses such as Target, Jewel, Marshalls, Burlington Coat Factory, LA Fitness and Petco in an effort to revitalize the economy in Chicago's South Side and provide residents with much needed services and employment opportunities. The Peace Rally was a celebration of the completion of this project and the commitment of Chicago's citizens to encourage the elimination of violence in our neighborhoods.

The Salvation Army coordinated the entertainment for the day, providing a Gospel Stage that was host to a variety of church choirs and local artists who sang, danced and performed, including Tony Tidwell, Lemont Davis, Devine Revelation and The Salvation Army Singing Company. For more than three years, The Salvation Army has collaborated with West Pullman community organizations and families to develop positive programs for area youth, including educational, arts and sports activities designed to enrich the mind, body and spirit. The Army also gave out more than 400 bags of popcorn.

Preparation and environmental clean-up of the Kroc Center site is well underway in West Pullman, paving the way for construction of the Kroc Center to begin this summer. Led by the City of Chicago, construction crews are busy at work remediating and cleaning the soil of the abandoned industrial site. The Kroc Center project will transform this unsafe and unclean 32-acre vacant lot for reuse as a state-of-the-art community center and recreational facility for youth, adults and seniors.

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The Kroc Center will create more than 300 construction-related jobs. Designed by Chicago architects Antunovich and Associates, the construction of the Kroc Center will be overseen by general contractors International Facilities Group and W.E. O'Neil. Precise Construction Group will coordinate training and construction job opportunities for local community residents.

For more information about the broad array of education, sports, art and supportive programs of the future Kroc Center, as well as the many community programs already underway, visit www.kroccenterchicago.org and follow us on Facebook.

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