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Salvation Army Teams Up with Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center to Present Special Christmas Event for Area Families

The Salvation Army Kroc Center Corps was delighted to partner with Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center on a day-long Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 11, for area families.

Local children in **The Salvation Army Kroc Corps Singing Company** and the **Salvation Army Youth Band** performed for shoppers around the mall, while children visited Santa in his Holiday Workshop, rode the holiday trolley and enjoyed holiday craft activities and hot chocolate. Marshfield Plaza stores and tenants generously donated 500 coats, canned goods, toys and other items, which the Salvation Army will distribute, along with food boxes, to area families this holiday season.

"The Salvation Army has done so very much. We just wouldn't be here at this wonderful event today without the Army," said **Ida Rossini**, Operations Manger for Prime Store Development. "All of our tenants were delighted to contribute something for this event today and for families in need this holiday season who are served by the Army."

Marshfield Plaza is located just blocks from the Kroc Center site. Since the groundbreaking in October, the construction of the Kroc Center has moved along swiftly. The foundation is complete and the walls are quickly going up. Roof work is set to begin in January. During the next year of construction, The Kroc Center will create more than 200 construction jobs, including jobs for local residents. The entire Kroc Center is projected to be completed in 2012.

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. 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 Face book.

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