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West Pullman Elementary Students Honored at Salvation Army Sunbeams and Adventure Corps Court of Awards Ceremony

Awards celebrate the achievements of more than 40 Higgins Community Academy students participating in The Salvation Army character-building programs

WHAT: The Court of Awards Ceremony at Higgins Community Academy will honor more than 40 students participating in The Salvation Army Sunbeams and Adventure Corps character-building programs. The ceremony will include musical performances by The Salvation Army-Higgins Brass Band and presentations by Sunbeams and Adventure Corps students.

The Salvation Army Sunbeams and Adventure Corps are fun-filled, character-building programs that help elementary school children develop socially, mentally and spiritually. The Sunbeam girls and Adventure Corps boys have earned emblems in Friendship, Personal Safety, First Aid and Patriotism.

- **Watch** a Sunbeam and Adventure Corps flag processional and enjoy The Salvation Army-Higgins Brass Band
- **Hear** each child share their personal experiences in the program, and watch as they receive their Sunbeam or Adventure Corps sash
- **See** Sunbeam designed 'My Kroc Center' commemorative plates on display.

In addition to the Sunbeam and Adventure Corps programs, children at Higgins participate in a variety of Salvation Army sponsored programs year round including the Green Club, a variety of music instruction classes, soccer clinics, summer camps and much more.

WHEN: Thursday, May 28, 2008
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Higgins Community Academy
11710 S. Morgan St.
Chicago, Illinois

WHO: Sunbeam and Adventure Corps girls and boys ages 7 to 12
Majors David and Darlene Harvey, Kroc Center Administrators, The Salvation Army
Dr. Mable Alfred, Principal, Higgins Community Academy
Major Karen Johnson, Divisional Sunbeam and Guard Director, The Salvation Army
Gerri Miller, Territorial Sunbeam and Guard Director, The Salvation Army

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Background

Last November The Salvation Army Chicago Metropolitan Division announced the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Project in the West Pullman neighborhood on the city's far south side. The 200,000-square-foot Kroc Center will be a state-of-the-art community and social service facility in one of Chicago's most underserved areas. When completed, the Kroc Center will be a community center of unprecedented scope and size, and will offer an array of education, sports, arts and support programs for people of all ages never before available in a single Chicago facility. In November of 2008, The Salvation Army opened the new Kroc Center Project Office at 11357 S. Halsted, a base of operations serving the administrative needs of the many ongoing programs in the West Pullman area. By engaging community leaders and local families, The Salvation Army is creating a solid foundation for all of the new services and opportunities the Kroc Center will bring. For more information about The Kroc Center, visit www.kroccenterchicago.org.

About The Salvation Army

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.

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