



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Kids in The Salvation Army Green Club at Higgins Community Academy Host 2nd Annual Farmer's Market

Students to sell fresh produce, herbs and flowers

WHAT: Kids ages 9 to 14 from The Salvation Army-sponsored Green Club at Higgins Community Academy will sell produce alongside Broertjes Farms of Lowell, Indiana, at the 2nd annual farmer's market on Friday, October 16, 2009. The Green Club will kick off the new school year by selling fresh produce to fellow students and neighboring families and leading guided tours of their community garden. The club is an extension of The Salvation Army summer Green Day Camp, during which students enjoyed planting vegetables, herbs and flowers in a community garden. The Higgins Community Academy Green Club allows students to continue to tend the garden during the school year and learn more about environmental issues, nutrition, agriculture and science.

- Tour the community garden built, planted and cultivated by West Pullman youth
- Meet the Green Club kids
- See the Green Club kids sell produce alongside local farmers

For more than two years, The Salvation Army has worked hand-in-hand with local organizations, churches and schools to develop educational and recreational summer programs and after-school activities that provide positive alternatives for the youth and families in Chicago's far South Side, the future location of The Salvation Army's Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

WHEN: Friday, October 16, 2009
12 – 3 p.m.

WHERE: Higgins Community Academy
11710 S Morgan St
Chicago

WHO: Youth grades 4 through 7, parents and community members
Majors David and Darlene Harvey, *Kroc Center Administrators, The Salvation Army*
Dr. Mable Alfred, *Principal, Higgins Community Academy*
Dean Niedenthal, *After-school Programs Coordinator, Higgins Community Academy*
Monte Sier, *Green Club Director/Teacher, Higgins Community Academy*
Broertjes Farms of Lowell, Indiana

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Background

In November of 2007, 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 Kroc Center will be a state-of-the-art community and social service facility in one of Chicago's most underserved areas, a community center of unprecedented scope and size. When completed, the Kroc Center will offer an array of education, sports, arts and support programs for people of all ages never before available in a single Chicago facility. 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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