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THE CHICAGO KROC CENTER APPROVED FOR \$500,000 FROM THE SEARLE FUNDS AT THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST

Organization approved for two grants, each worth \$250,000

(CHICAGO—March 24, 2009) The Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center announced today that it has been approved to receive two grants for \$250,000 each from the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust. The monies are to be used for the building of the Ray and Joan Kroc Center in the West Pullman neighborhood on the city’s far South Side. The Chicago Kroc Center, an entity of The Salvation Army, expects to receive the grants in the fall of 2009.

“We are sincerely grateful to the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust for these very generous grants,” said Lieutenant Colonel David Grindle, divisional commander, The Salvation Army. “In these tough times, the grants are doubly important because the current economy has made things difficult for everyone—from non-profit organizations to the people we help, Chicago’s neediest. The Chicago Community Trust is a godsend to non-profits as we do our work during times of economic turmoil because without them, a lot of the work we do would quite possibly not get done.”

The Chicago Community Trust has partnered with thousands of organizations to enhance the quality of life for individuals and communities across metropolitan Chicago for more than 90 years.

“We are very pleased to approve these grants to The Salvation Army,” said James Lewis, senior program officer for The Chicago Community Trust. “At The Chicago Community Trust we award grants to those organizations that we feel address our region’s most pressing needs and promising opportunities. We commend The Salvation Army for its work, and congratulate them on their efforts.”

About The Salvation Army’s Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center

In 2006, The Salvation Army in Chicago was approved to receive a portion of the estate of Joan Kroc, wife of McDonald’s founder, Ray Kroc. The \$109.8 million award from the estate is being supplemented by a \$50 million fundraising campaign to build and endow the state-of-the-art ministry, community and social service facility. In November 2007, the Chicago Metropolitan Division

announced the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Project in the West Pullman neighborhood, one of the city's most undeserved communities. The Kroc project is a shovel ready project to help stimulate the economy by providing 300 construction jobs initially and over 200 permanent, full and part time jobs, when the center is open. For more information, visit www.kroccenterchicago.org.

About The Chicago Community Trust

For 93 years, The Chicago Community Trust, our region's community foundation, has connected the generosity of donors with community needs by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. In 2008, the Trust, together with its donors, granted more than \$100 million to not-for-profit organizations. From strengthening community schools to assisting local art programs, from building health centers to helping lives affected by violence, the Trust continues to enhance our region. To learn more, please visit the Trust online at www.cct.org.

The Chicago Metropolitan Division of The Salvation Army is one of the largest providers of social services in Illinois, and provides services in the Chicagoland, Northern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana areas. Those services include, but are not limited to, feeding programs and emergency shelter for the homeless. For more information about The Salvation Army, or to donate, please visit www.salarmychicago.org.