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The Salvation Army And Marshfield Plaza Present FREE Christmas Event For South Side Families

Visit Santa in his Holiday Workshop

Create tile mosaic to be displayed at completed Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center

WHAT: The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps is partnering with Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center to hold a day-long Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 3, for families from the West Pullman and Roseland areas of Chicago.

Activities for shoppers and families include:

- **Santa** in his Holiday Workshop – **Free** gifts for first 200 children
- **Holiday craft activities** – children can paint and decorate tiles depicting what activities they want to participate in at the Kroc Center. The finished tiles will form a **mosaic** that will be displayed in the completed center.
- Festive **holiday music** performed by children in the **Kroc Center Youth Band** and the **Evergreen Park Middle School band**
- **Holiday trolley rides**
- **Free Refreshments** -- Hot cocoa, cookies, and popcorn

WHEN: **Saturday, December 3, 2011**
12 – 4 p.m.

WHERE: **Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center**
1730 W. 119th Street (119th Street and Marshfield Avenue)

WHO: Majors David and Darlene Harvey, Kroc Center Administrators
Local families and youth in Kroc Center programs
Marshfield Plaza Shopping Center & UCR Asset Services

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BACKGROUND:

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 Facebook.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for more than 130 years in the United States. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. 82 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to www.salvationarmyusa.org.