



The Kroc Center Report



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University of Dayton – A True Community Partner

We are so happy – and proud! – to have the University of Dayton involved with the genesis of the Kroc Center. Our collaboration began with Don Vermillion, Public Project Director of UD's Fitz Center for Leadership in Community. Don



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There is an additional UD connection with the Kroc Center. Tom Lasley, Dean of the School of Education and Allied Professions, will be providing program concepts for three of the planned amenities: the Technology Café, the Family Literacy Center and the Learning is Fun Center. To have the UD community partner with the Salvation Army is a tremendous blessing to us all.

Major Tom Duperree says, "We are pleased to have such a great working relationship with the University of Dayton. Thanks to Don and Tom, UD's impact on the Kroc Center – from application and concept to design and programming – will be felt by the Dayton community for years to come."



It's Your Community Center

The estate of the late Joan Kroc, heiress to the McDonald's fast food chain fortune, has bequeathed more than \$1.5 billion to The Salvation Army. The Dayton Corps will receive \$69 million from the estate to build a new Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. The Center will be located on 17.5 acres at the intersection of Webster and Keowee Streets and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009.



The Salvation Army, through the Kroc Center, looks forward to providing a full range of worship, education, sports, recreation and social services. Together, we can have a positive impact – on our children and on our community.

Thank You, Board Members!

The Salvation Army of Dayton had to raise \$6 million locally in order to receive the gift of \$69 million from Joan Kroc's estate. Yes, that's a lot of money, but the Army's 34-member advisory board has stepped right up to the challenge. As of this writing, the board has pledged over \$1 million towards the building of the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in East Dayton.

Major Tom Duperree says, "You can see by their giving they are a tremendous driving force for us."

Thank you to all board members. The Salvation Army and the Dayton community appreciate your generosity!

A Message From The Majors

"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy."

—Anton Chekhov



Barbara and Tom Duperree

Have you ever noticed that seldom, if ever, do people come right out and say the words, "I'm happy!" They don't really need to! You can always tell when someone is happy. There are certain signs that give them away, like cheerfulness or positive speech. And, happy people are usually smiling - there's a certain song in their voice. Oh, and if they're *really* happy, you just might catch them singing!

That's because something is singing inside happy people. It doesn't really matter what season it is, does it? Oh, some of us are partial to autumn because we like the turning of the leaves, harvest season and football. Others delight in spring when trees start budding and school is on the verge of letting out for summer break. Right now, we're in a season that bridges summer and winter; two extremely opposite seasons. But real happiness - we call it joy - can't be dictated by the weather or the temperature. That's what Anton Chekhov was really trying to tell us.

When we learn the source of real, lasting contentment on the inside, then we can cope with any situation that may enter our lives. The Psalmist declared: "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs

of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him." That means that God has the ability to take seasons of drought in our lives, and turn them into seasons of harvest. What a joyful experience!

We had a wonderful time conducting children's programs in Claridge Park. You'll even find some highlights from our Family Picnic Night featured in this issue of The Kroc Center Report. We joyfully look forward to 2007 when we will break ground to begin construction on the new Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. There are many good things to come just around the corner! Read on and find out why we're so Happy!

God Bless You!

See the Survey?

Many of you were kind enough to respond to our survey in the last newsletter. Your comments are greatly appreciated - we learned a lot! All of you were very positive about the Kroc Center. Many of you plan to participate in the Center's activities and believe it will have a tremendous impact on the area. A few comments:

"Great for the area and the people it will serve."

"It will enhance and upgrade the neighborhood."

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Finally, we learned that you would like to be kept informed about the Kroc Center through a newsletter, so we'll keep them coming!

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Family Picnic Night A Big Success!

On July 18, The Salvation Army hosted a Family Picnic Night at Claridge Park. There were lots of fun activities, entertainment, games and, of course, food! A dunking booth, inflatables, McGuff the Crime Dog, balloons, cotton candy and prizes were all part of this community event. Over 300 neighbors attended and everyone had a great time, as seen by these photos.





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Transforming People's Lives

Consolidated Vehicle Converters – A Good Friend In The Neighborhood

Consolidated Vehicle Converters (CVC) has been a positive member of the Old North Dayton community for 27 years. In 1979, John Maynard moved his fledgling company, Mamco Converters, to 1000 Webster St. In the late 1990's, he sold the company and retired. His two daughters, Julie and Marcia, weren't quite through with the business and decided to start CVC, locating it at the same Webster St. address. CVC remains a family affair with Julie serving as President, Marcia as Vice President and Tim Prugh as the General Manager.

CVC's primary business is remanufactured torque converters for automobiles, trucks, buses and industrial applications. All remanufacturing is done at the Webster St. location and shipped to distributors throughout North America. Auto and truck transmission repair shops are the primary end users of CVC products.

CVC is committed to the neighborhood, and that commitment is evidenced by CVC's plan to add 16,000 square feet to their current facility.

Several vacant houses have already been purchased and razed to accommodate the project.

"This expansion is necessary for the continued growth of our business. We have over 60 dedicated employees, and many of them reside in this neighborhood. We are proud of this community and have lots of reasons to see this area revitalized," stated Prugh.

When asked what impact the Salvation Army's Kroc Center will have on the community, Prugh replied, "The Kroc Center is a giant step in the right direction as far as the Old North Dayton and McCook Field neighborhoods are concerned. It will have a very positive influence on both children and adults. On an economic note, a resurgence of the neighborhood will provide CVC and other local businesses with a competent and skilled labor pool. We look forward to having the Kroc Center as our neighbor!"



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