

The Kroc Center Report

CHRISTMAS AT THE KROC CENTER

2012 Tree Lighting November 17

5 PM to 9 PM

1000 N. Keowee St. Dayton, Ohio 45404

An evening of fun for everyone!



Help us make this the best Christmas Season ever.
Your donations make a difference in the Dayton community!

1,400 community members attended the 2011 Christmas Tree Lighting
for a night of family-oriented holiday fun.

204,264 individuals received meals last year.

Santa Loves Seniors visited 39 institutions & distributed 3,263 gifts.

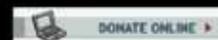
5,887 individuals received material assistance with
clothing, rent, furniture, household items, transportation or utilities.

15,779 individuals received Christmas food assistance in 2011.

And much, much more!

We are currently looking for volunteers to make an elderly person's holiday brighter through
our Santa Loves Seniors program on November 27 & 28. Please call (937) 528-5222 for more information.

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A Message From The Majors



Barbara and Tom Duperree

Legendary singer-songwriter Bob Dylan wrote a song in the autumn of 1963 called "The Times They Are A-Changin'." Since that time, scores of musical artists have covered the song. (We especially like the version set forth by Keb Mo). The lyrics of this timeless piece seem quite poignant,

given the political climate in our nation. At the writing of this column, our nation has already witnessed months of political advertising in the race for the highest office in the land. Two major political parties have conducted their national conventions ... and all that remains are the debates and the voting!

We don't like to get too caught up in politics. It's not that we aren't concerned for our nation - we are! But we're not teenagers anymore, voting for the first time in our lives. This will be the 8th presidential election in which we have been privileged to vote, but the issues seem strangely similar to the ones Reagan and Mondale faced back in 1984 when we cast our first ballots. Sadly, it seems the same mudslinging still goes on, and we shake our heads and wonder: How can we refer to ourselves as The United States of America when so much division exists among us?

There are issues which divide Americans, and the changing times continue to reveal those differences of opinion. But in the midst of such change and uncertainty, there is refuge to be found in the unchanging word of God! This is how the prophet Daniel described it:

"He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." - Daniel 2:21 N.I.V.

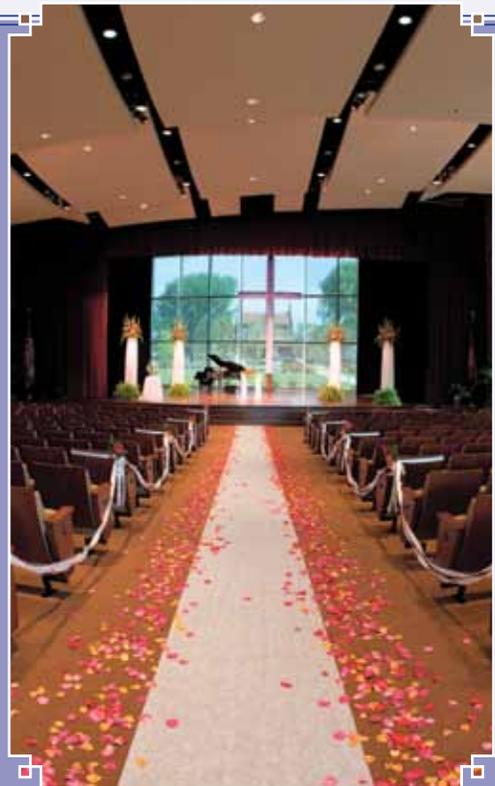
Even as summer gives way to autumn
As old beliefs and behaviors fade away and are replaced by
the new
While change takes place all around us and we face
uncertain times
There is a calming security to be found in the sovereignty of
God.
God's in charge! He sets up kings, and He deposes them!
Nothing happens in this world without God taking notice!

Don't you feel safe and secure when you read those truths? And even though the times are a changin' - God remains the same. That's His promise to us:

"For I, the LORD, do not change..." - Malachi 3:6

As the beautiful change in seasons brings us new opportunities here at The Salvation Army's Kroc Center, we encourage you to come on out and celebrate the goodness of God with us.

God Bless You!



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NBA Star Gives Back

Norris Cole, former Dunbar High School standout and current point guard with the Miami Heat, has never forgotten his roots. That's why he hosted a basketball camp at the Kroc Center this summer. Over 100 kids attended the week-long camp to pick up the fundamentals of the game, and participate in scrimmages to apply what they learned. Norris didn't just lend his name to the camp – he was involved with the kids each step of the way. That's because he remembers how much The Salvation Army did for him as a youngster. "I quickly learned discipline, effort and toughness as well as leadership, teamwork and sacrifice," says Norris.

Norris Cole Sr. looked at the campers racing up and down the court and said of his son, "I just think back to the time when he was on the Army's team. And here he is again, but he's able to give back. And who knows, there's probably another Norris Cole out there."

Norris was honored by Mayor Gary Leitzell as a "Dayton Original" and the first day of the camp was formally designated Norris Cole Day.

Recreation Director Dwayne Hasbro looks forward to this camp being an annual event. "The parents and children loved every minute of it. Norris was happy to be here and looks forward to coming back to the Kroc. I give the camp an "A++."



Mission: Possible!



Future engineers, programmers, mathematicians and videographers are getting their start at the Kroc Center! This past summer, one of the remarkable day camp programs was “Mission Possible Robotics” and you would be amazed at what our 6th - 8th graders learned. This

8-day program taught the ins and outs of programming a robot using Lego® Mindstorm robotics. The first day, campers chose one of three specialties based on their own personal interests: builder, programmer or documentarian. Builders design the robot; programmers use a software interface to create a program giving the robot various tasks to do; and, the documentarians learn the proper use and care of recording equipment, and made a video documenting the entire process.

E-Learning Manager Jeannine Matthews says, “The idea behind this camp was to get children interested in programming. It’s a wonderful teaching device because they learn about teamwork, and have to think tangibly about puzzling pieces together to create a certain outcome. We make it fun, and it is as STEM-oriented as possible (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). Using the scientific method, children learn to hypothesize, test, evaluate and reach a final outcome.”

The program was so successful that a “Future Engineers” after school program is now in session. Over a one-year period, children will learn about mechanical, production, transportation and software engineering, including animation, robotics and 3-D design.

Special thanks go to our teen helpers from Fairmont, Thurgood Marshall and Ponitz high schools who donate their time to support our staff and work with our kids. We couldn’t do it without you!



Strike Up the Brass Band!

Since its inception, The Salvation Army has been known for its brass bands. Now, the Kroc Center is reviving this tradition with its very own Brass



Academy. Currently 22 children strong, the idea is to give each musician the theory, instruction and instrument they need to learn to play and participate in a brass band.

Major Barb Duperree elaborates: “Progression – that is the vision that Joan Kroc had. To introduce a child to a new activity, and give them the tools they need to become proficient. In

this case, playing a musical instrument.”

The benefits of this type of program are immeasurable. Children learn commitment (attend class once per week), discipline (practice every day), motivation (anything good in life is worth working for), respect (for property, for each other), tenacity (handling the ups and downs of learning a new skill) and achievement (I did it!).

And, of course, there is the music itself!

Jemma Dougherty, Music Director, remarks, “We like to blend traditional and contemporary music, so



there is a little something for everyone. Brass is really starting to be fun for young people. I wish everyone could have seen the first time one of our 4th graders played six correct notes in a row. Her face lit up the room!”

Our thanks go out to all of our high school student volunteers from Stivers School for the Arts. These students teach and work with our band members, and help prepare them for the annual Stivers’ auditions.

“Learning and playing music is an end in itself, but we also know it can serve as a means for a student to go to college and be a life-long passion,” says Major Barb.



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Thank you!



Bill McCormick

Get To Know Our Advisory Board: **Bill McCormick**

William (Bill) McCormick is a long standing and valued member of The Dayton Salvation Army Advisory Board. He joined the Board some 36 years ago and has ably provided astute investment guidance to the Army ever since. “We are grateful to have Bill McCormick on our Advisory Board. He has helped in so many ways. I can honestly say that we would not be in the excellent financial condition we are in if it were not for his prudent and wise counsel,” states Salvation Army Senior Business Manager, Reggie Winters.

Bill’s wife, Judy, is a former educator and longtime community volunteer and has served in prominent leadership positions throughout the Greater Dayton community. She is a past chair of The Dayton Foundation Governing Board, and currently sits on the Foundation’s Grants Committee.

Currently, Bill is a partner with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and has enjoyed a stellar, 54-year career. In that time, the investment business has seen many market ups and downs, perhaps none more dramatic than the downturn in 2008. “I have seen the market do some strange thing over the years. The 1970s certainly were challenging, and in 1987 we saw a drastic drop, but nothing compares to the 2008 recession when the Dow fell from 14,000 points to below 7,000. But, I have seen the good times, too. All in all, the market has thrived over the years and I am happy that I could help my clients invest wisely and secure their futures,” remarks Bill.

“I am proud to serve on The Salvation Army Advisory Board for a number of reasons. The impact the Kroc Center is making on the surrounding community is phenomenal. I am especially pleased to see that the number of children being served is growing, as well as the number of programs being offered. Majors Tom and Barbara Duperree are incredibly passionate and dedicated leaders who live to serve others. And, you can be assured that your charitable donations are being fully leveraged since 88 cents out of every dollar goes to programming and assistance to those who need it most. I am privileged to serve on this Board and I sincerely hope that I have made a difference.”

Rest assured Bill, you have made a difference and we thank you for your many years of service.

Please visit our web site at dayton.salarmykroc.org



Summer Day Camps

We know you love to see photos of our young members enjoying all that the Kroc Center offers during the summer months. Reading, sports, worship, science, theatre, computers, cooking and dance are just a few of the day camps we offer. Your donations ensure that our children are afforded every opportunity to learn, grow and make new friends – thank you!







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"... For service is our watchword, and there is no reward equal to that of doing the most good to the most people in the most need." –Evangeline Booth

You Can Make A Difference!

Please join us in our mission to make certain that all of the wonderful opportunities at the Kroc Center will be enjoyed by everyone. The Salvation Army has established a Sponsorship Program with the express purpose of funding scholarships and programming for needy children and families. This Program will ensure that those in need will only have to pay a minimal amount per month to partake of all that the Kroc has to offer. **All will be welcome and no one will be turned away.**

To make your tax deductible donation, mail your check made out to The Kroc Center to:
The Salvation Army,
1000 N. Keowee St.,
Dayton OH 45404.

If you have any questions, please contact Reggie Winters, Senior Business Administrator, at 937.528.5100. Thank you very much!

Yes, I would like to be a part of the Kroc Center's "Sponsors Row"

Yes, please include me in "Sponsors Row." My check for \$1,000 or more is enclosed.

I am unable to donate \$1,000, but I want to help.

\$120 sponsors a family of four for one year.

\$60 sponsors an adult for one year.

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