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HISTORIC KROC CENTER BREAKS GROUND

On July 27, 2009, The Salvation Army officially broke ground on the construction of the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center – the largest social service development project in the history of Massachusetts.

As trucks and bulldozers were busy moving earth in the background, The Salvation Army band and children’s choir sang joyful songs of celebration. Gathered near Uphams Corner, Salvation Army officials and **Mayor Thomas M. Menino** were surrounded by 750 attendees, including community members, project funders, and elected officials—all eager to celebrate the success of the Kroc Center campaign.

“The Kroc Center has moved from the realm of dreams and possibilities into reality through the dedication and commitment of so many,” said the Massachusetts Divisional Commander, **Major William Bode**. “We’ve been challenged and tested by the current economic climate, but we have faith that we can and will raise the final \$2.5 million needed locally to complete this \$115.5 million project.”

Mayor Menino, the Honorary Chairman of the Kroc Campaign and a longtime supporter of the Kroc Center, spoke about what the Center means to the City of Boston.

“This is a wonderful day for this neighborhood and for all of Boston,” said Mayor Menino.

John Hamill, Chairman of Sovereign Bank New England and the Kroc Center Capital Campaign, thanked his co-chairs for their support and praised their determination in fundraising through the darker days of the economy.



John Fish, Reverend Dr. Ray Hammond, Majors Joan and William Bode, Mayor Menino, and John Hamill donned hard hats, lifted shovels and dug deep into the Dudley dirt to close the Kroc Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.

As construction moves forward, The Salvation Army is continuing to raise the final \$2.5 million needed locally to complete the campaign. The Kroc Center is slated for completion in 2011.

“I think it’s so important that we have this here. The Kroc Center, The Salvation Army, the City of Boston all working together to make life a little better for the people in our city.”



- Mayor Thomas Menino

“My faith was strong enough to believe this would happen, but it took a lot of work and a lot of people getting invested and involved.”



- Major William Bode

“The passion and generosity, hard work, and determination that surround this project is inspirational to all of us.”



- John Hamill

Building Character, Confidence, Capacity and Hope

A Strong Construction Team

Transforming 6.5 Acre Site a 'Wonderful Challenge'

The 6.5 acre Kroc Center will be a state-of-the-art educational, health and social services facility that features an aquatic center, gymnasium, fitness center, library, chapel, performing arts center, computer labs and conference rooms.

Two companies are working hard to ensure that the successful transformation of this vacant lot into a vibrant community center that meets the needs of local residents is a success - Suffolk Construction and The Architectural Team.



John Fish speaks during the Groundbreaking

Mark Rosenshein, senior project manager for the Kroc Center at The Architectural Team, has been involved with the project from the very beginning. He attended community meetings and has been an integral part of the design and permitting process.

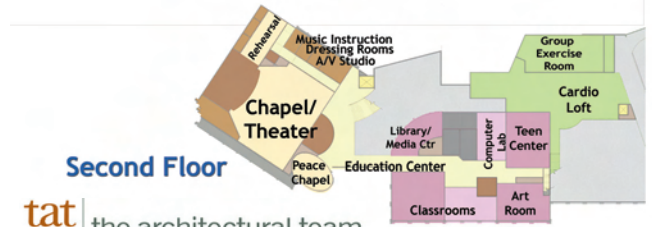
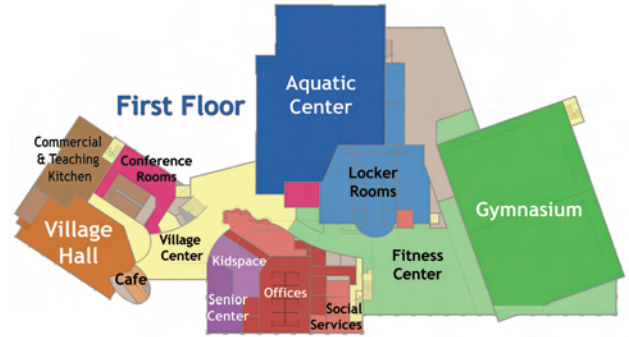
"The Kroc Center is a tremendously exciting project, and working with the community has been outstanding," said Rosenshein. "We've received a lot of input from the community, and as a result, the finished facility will reflect the goals of local residents. We're very excited and it's a wonderful challenge."



Major Robert Kountz, Kroc Administrator, Jennifer Pinck of Pinck & Co., Owner's Representative, Major James LaBossiere, General Secretary, The Salvation Army Massachusetts

During the Groundbreaking Ceremony, Suffolk Construction President and CEO John Fish spoke about the Kroc Center and the firm's commitment to this neighborhood gem.

"Today we celebrate a dream that has turned into reality," said Fish. "As a company based in this community, it's a privilege for Suffolk to construct this center for and with our neighbors."



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Suffolk Construction has also been a tremendous partner throughout the process, and the company is already busy moving massive amounts of dirt on the site.

Now that construction is underway, what can residents expect in the next few months? Rosenshein said that more than half of the excavation process is already complete, and he expects neighbors will be able to see steel in the ground by November. The creation of the soccer field across the street has also begun.



Commissioner Nancy Moretz and Kroc Administrator Wendy Kountz with the Suffolk Construction team

Watch Construction Live!

Suffolk Construction has provided a webcam so you can watch the progress of Kroc Center construction live.

Visitors can zoom, pan and follow all the day-to-day action online. To watch, log onto Boston.SalArmyKroc.org and click the "webcam" tab.



Over 200 local workers will build the center.