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Omaha Kroc Center on Schedule

Heavy snow and wintery conditions throughout January and February haven't slowed progress on the new \$30 million Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center construction project, slated for completion in November 2009.

"The recent snow storms and cold temperatures throughout these past few months have had a minimal effect on this project given the fact that our crew was able to close off a large portion of the building and work inside," said Jim Willett, project manager for Heritage Services. "Thanks to our dedicated crews working diligently on this building we are completely on target."

Crews inside the 122,000 square-foot facility, located in historic South Omaha on Y Street between 27th and 30th Streets, are currently building the competition pool, hanging drywall, finishing electrical rough-ins and preparing for the next stages of the building process.

The construction team of more than 100 workers plans to have the building completed by November when the center will host a dedication weekend. A Grand-Opening celebration is set for January 2010.

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center was made possible by a \$60 million gift from Joan B. Kroc, widow of McDonald's CEO Ray Kroc, and a \$15 million local endowment campaign headed up by Heritage Services. The community center, in keeping with the mission of The Salvation Army, will provide programs and service designed to encourage positive, life-changing experiences for children and adults, strengthen families, and enrich the lives of seniors.

Programs, special events and educational offerings are currently being designed so that each person who walks through the "Doors of Opportunity" (as illustrated in the logo) will discover and develop their own unique natural giftedness and potential.

Key features of this world-class center include a 3-gymnasium complex, aquatics center with zero-depth entry recreation pool, lazy stream, slide and six-lane, 25-yard competition pool, state-of-the-art fitness area, computer lab and study center, classrooms, 600-seat assembly hall, chapel, outdoor stage, athletic fields and recreation areas as well as additional gathering spaces.

For more information about Omaha's Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, please visit the Web site at [www.omahakroc.org](http://www.omahakroc.org) or call Molly Skold, Kroc Center Marketing Director at (402) 212-3644.

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