



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

May 2025

MAKING PROGRESS

Fundraising: **79%**
Construction: **50%**

We encourage you to drive by 206 E. Ohio Avenue and explore Salvation Square, our entire block of service to the Mount Vernon and Knox County community! The Salvation Army's new 13,270-square-foot childcare center facing Howard and McKenize streets is now 50% complete. When it opens, the new facility will have nine new classrooms, a sensory-aware area, kitchen, indoor gymnasium, and outdoor play areas that can accommodate 112 children 6 weeks and older.

This expanded center will allow us to transform more lives and provide greater hope for working families by offering affordable childcare with opportunities for educational, social, and year-round recreational programming.

The expanded childcare program is expected to open in early 2026. The Salvation Army is excited to announce Zach Shoro will play a leadership role as Childcare Director. Zach, a 2016 MVNU grad, has years of experience managing childcare programs; he currently serves as Learning Zone director, The Salvation Army's after school program.



Pictured left to right: Major Brian Peabody, Andy Junn (Divisional Development Director), Captain Christine Moretz, Major Kellie Peabody

Only \$1.3 million is needed to reach the capital campaign goal. Volunteers are working hard to meet the goal before construction is completed in late summer or early fall.

Capital campaign gifts will also fund a new, larger choice food pantry, more confidential meeting space, and new kitchen equipment for meals prepared as part of the city-wide Hot Meals program as we renovate our current facility. In one form or another, The Salvation Army serves almost 35,000 meals each year!

Please share this campaign update and invite friends and family to visit <https://salarmy.us/LightTheDay> to learn more and give.



SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS



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