

Partnership boosts training for Kroc employees

Initiative could impact all Salvation Army facilities in Southern Territory

The Penn State Facilities Engineering Institute (PSFEI) announced this week a partnership with The Salvation Army's [Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers](#), to provide training for facility maintenance technicians, supervisors and property managers.

Following a regional pilot program, held late last month in the Southern Territory, PSFEI and Salvation Army leadership are considering opportunities to offer additional training in the near future.

The three-day pilot course, held outside of Atlanta, focused on facilities management topics including power systems, building envelope, HVAC, plumbing and potable water, fire systems and energy management (procurement and demand reduction/management).

"The PSFEI team is able to provide the programs and personalities that are a really good fit for our facilities operations," said Ross Wheeler, Capital Renewal Plan Manager for The Salvation Army.

"The benefits of this program are going to be exponential and not only affect the Kroc Centers, but all Salvation Army properties in the Southern Territory including homeless shelters, worship and community centers, family stores, camp facilities and many more."

PSFEI Director John Hajduk played a pivotal role in negotiating the deal and looks forward to future endeavors with The Salvation Army.

"It's just a really good thing to be part of a story that affects the lives of so many people," said Hajduk.

"The opportunities the Kroc Centers bring to these communities across the country are pretty impressive. And, it is humbling to know our staff here at PSFEI is able to use our expertise to help make such important community centers safer and more efficient."

