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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*March 26, 2008*

### **New Playground Unveiled in Acres Homes**

*AARP builds new playground for the kids in Garden City Apartments*

- WHAT:** AARP will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the opening of a playground and activity center at The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club at the Garden City Apartments. Garden City Apartments is a government-assisted (Section 8) housing project. It is a high-crime, economically-disadvantaged and drug-infested area. Working with Rebuilding Together, a national nonprofit that rehabilitates houses, AARP has funded this new activity center, playground and teen room. As part of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, AARP is funding several exciting community projects across the country.
- WHO:** Houston Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (District 18) will talk about the meaning of the gift to the community, as well as Houston City Council Member Adrian Garcia (District H). In attendance: Mary Scott, AARP National Board of Directors; Bob Jackson, AARP Texas State Director; Randy Henry, Co-Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together – National; Doug Smith, Executive Director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club; John Darnell, 2008 Salvation Army Youth of the Year; approx. 50 children that attend the Club.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, Mar. 26, 3:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club at Garden City Apartments  
9601 W. Montgomery, Houston, Texas 77088

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#### **About The Salvation Army**

The mission The Salvation Army Greater Houston Area Command is to meet human needs without discrimination. In this community since 1889, The Salvation Army serves Harris, Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties through youth programs, shelter, disaster relief, counseling, senior programs and rehabilitation.