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Salvation Army advisory board members Bob O'Halloran (from left), Robert Meyer, Paul Migchelbrink, and Mike Verbout celebrate the opening of a new soccer field at the organization's Moore Street community center in North Portland.

Moore Street soccer field comes alive

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The Salvation Army is providing more opportunities for local kids and families with a brand new turf soccer field at their Moore Street Corps and Community Center at 5325 N. Williams Ave.

Construction was just completed and dedicated in a ceremony last week thanks to a partnership between the non-profit organization and the Portland City Unit-

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ed Soccer Club who will be organizing practices, training, and games for local youth and adults.

"We are so excited to be able to offer north Portland a new resource for sports and activities, and we hope that it is truly something the community can be proud of," said Captain Marcos Marquez of the Salvation Army's Moore Street facility.

Marquez said the addition will "serve the needs of the community, provide players the opportunity to play organized sports through Portland City United Soccer Club, and give local at-risk youth the chance to be productive, have fun, build character, and most importantly, find other alternatives to being on the streets."

The Salvation Army also plans on uti-

lizing the field in its programs, possibly running some soccer camps for local youth who may not have the opportunity to participate in sports due to income limitations. It's all part of the organization's vision to help build strong families by encouraging growth spiritually, physically and mentally through worship services, nutrition programs, athletic activities and educational/enrichment opportunities.

The Salvation Army has insured that people of all means can easily have access to exercise and sports equipment at Moore Street, boasting a \$1 entry to their indoor basketball court, cardio and weight room; as well as a number of yoga and zumba classes for low-cost public use.

To learn more, visit salvationarmy-moorestreet.com.