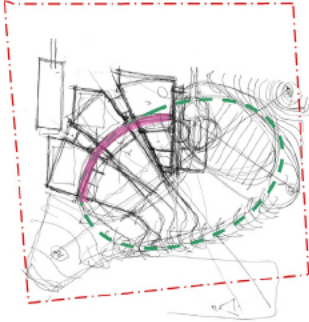


## The Salvation Army, Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center *The Salvation Army*



Initial site sketch concept



Site location in industrial zone



Site proximity to major transit

The Salvation Army Kroc Center is a state-of-the-art community center and an urban oasis on a former twelve acre brownfield site in North Philadelphia. Creating a building of this size was beyond anything the local Salvation Army Corps had ever undertaken. Danielle served as Project Architect completing the extensive programming tasks of the early design phases to answer challenges of the organization's new mission.

The industrial site's former buildings, minor contamination, and a major water main bisecting the site presented significant constraints to planning. The building and site design evolved from these constraints and in response to the client's idea to create an "urban oasis." Danielle proposed a concept in which the building curves to embrace an outdoor gathering space with seating—an open air contemplative sanctuary. Her concept formed the genesis of the building plan and all the major program uses. The main public circulation within the building is along the curved two-story window wall with views to the garden. A childcare center, worship/performing arts center, chapel, cafe, fitness center, gymnasium, and pool complex are all accessed from the curving circulation spine.

The 100,000 sf community center is situated in a sustainable working landscape with rain gardens, porous pavement, runnels to capture building stormwater, recreation fields, and a community garden. The Kroc Center is a thriving community hub where Philadelphians from all neighborhoods play, learn, and worship together.



Everyone who uses the building experiences the sustainable and sacred landscape while traversing the public circulation spine, giving the building its signature embracing form.

