

**THE
SALVATIO
N ARMY**



- THE SALVATION ARMY IS A CHRISTIAN PROTESTANT CHURCH AND INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE ORGANISATION. THE ORGANISATION REPORTS A WORLDWIDE MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 1.5 MILLION, CONSISTING OF SOLDIERS, OFFICERS AND ADHERENTS KNOWN AS SALVATIONISTS.



BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIVISION VICTORIA

- **ITS FOUNDERS CATHERINE AND WILLIAM BOOTH SOUGHT TO BRING SALVATION TO THE POOR, DESTITUTE AND HUNGRY BY MEETING BOTH THEIR "PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS".**



. IT IS PRESENT IN 127 COUNTRIES, RUNNING CHARITY SHOPS, OPERATING SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS AND DISASTER RELIEF AND HUMANITARIAN AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE THEOLOGY OF THE SALVATION ARMY. THE ARMY'S PURPOSES ARE "THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, AND OTHER CHARITABLE OBJECTS BENEFICIAL TO SOCIETY OR THE COMMUNITY OF MANKIND AS A WHOLE"





In 1865, on the rough, poverty-ridden streets of east London, William Booth started a ministry that became The Salvation Army. Today, the church and charity he founded has more than 1.5 million members serving God and humankind in 126 countries. This year The Salvation Army celebrates its **150th** year.



126 Countries

More than
1.5 million
Members

150
Years
1865
2015

464
Hospitals and other
health centres/clinics

431,528
Inpatients

15,636
Corps (churches), outposts,
societies, new plants and
recovery churches

1,528,053
Outpatients

11,570
Corps-based
development programmes

1,118,231
People assisted through
emergency response
programmes

2,700
Schools

More than
19 million
People assisted
through social
services

686,166
Pupils

19,485
Teachers

Statistics from
The Salvation Army
Year Book
2015

- THE ARMY WAS FOUNDED IN 1865 IN LONDON BY ONE-TIME METHODIST CIRCUIT-PREACHER WILLIAM BOOTH AS THE EAST LONDON CHRISTIAN MISSION. IN 1878 BOOTH REORGANISED THE MISSION, BECOMING ITS FIRST GENERAL AND INTRODUCING THE MILITARY STRUCTURE WHICH HAS BEEN RETAINED TO THE PRESENT DAY.

