

THE
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- **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

150 Years
1865-2015

More than **1.5 million** Members

464 Hospitals and other health centers/clinics

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

431,528 Inpatients

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.

