

**THE SALVATION ARMY AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIES  
POSITIONAL STATEMENT**

**HIV/AIDS**

The Salvation Army believes that every individual is important in the sight of God, and has the potential to be whole in body, mind and spirit. Persons who suffer from any illness, including human immuno deficiency virus (HIV), should not experience rejection at any level from the society in which they live.

Unconditional acceptance applies regardless of how the virus was contracted.

Through inclusive care, The Salvation Army endeavours to bring about personal and community change in attitudes, behaviour and environment. We seek to promote quality relationships between those infected and other persons involved, including family, friends and community members.

The vision of The Salvation Army is that all persons have the capacity to care for one another, to change and be continuously transformed in terms of quality of relationships and sensitivity towards God. All have the capacity to know that grace of God in Christ which is the foundation of transformation and hope.

**Approved by the General —5 January 1999.**