

**Title:** Salvation Army Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2013

**Inclusive Dates:** 1918 – ongoing

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss

**Abstract:** The Salvation Army was formed by William Booth, a Methodist minister, in London in 1865. Originally called the Christian Mission, the group set out to attend to the material, emotional and spiritual needs of residents in London's slums. In 1878, the organization changed its name to the Salvation Army. It began work in the U.S. in 1880, reaching Milwaukee in 1889. Captain Samuel Neil, his wife and four workers set up a small storefront on W. Water Street (now Plankinton Ave.). From those humble beginnings, the Salvation Army expanded its number of locations and increased the range of its services—including a maternity hospital and Martha Washington Home for “wayward” girls in Wauwatosa.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of a letter soliciting donation to Tree of Lights Campaign, Dec. 1993; an invitation/letter to Salvation Army Volunteer Probation Counselor Recognition Dinner, 1973; invitation/letter to Annual Civic Dinner, 1976; invitation to Centennial Celebration, 1989; 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet; *Rays of Service* newsletter, Winter 1980; *Salvation Army News* newsletter, 1987-89 (5 issues); 75th Anniversary program, 1964; *War-Time Rhymes* published for War Fund, 1918; and booklet from Salvation Army Women's Home and Maternity Hospital, 1922-23; letter and booklet soliciting funds for Diamond Jubilee Buildings Campaign, 1940.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was reprocessed by Steve Daily, February 1996, and added to by Kevin Abing, August 1999.