

**Statement from the Salvation Army:**

In the middle of the last century, The Salvation Army operated a number of homes for unwed mothers in the United States. These homes were operational during a time when significant social pressures were placed upon pregnant, unmarried girls, and a majority of the young girls came to the homes after being guided by their own families. The homes were designed to give mothers-to-be a safe place to live that provided emotional, physical and spiritual care throughout their pregnancy. We strived then and we strive today to serve all of our clients with compassion and dignity. Certainly, society's treatment of unwed mothers has changed dramatically during the past 40 to 50 years and our operations have similarly adjusted. Today, The Salvation Army operates a variety of programs that specifically address the needs of single mothers, from family counseling to day care to transitional housing.

- Major George Hood,  
The Salvation Army's National Community Relations and Development Secretary