



The Salvation Army

Australia Southern Territorial Headquarters

29 July 2009

Mr. S. D. Grant

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Dear Mr Grant,

The Salvation Army & Eden Park & Victoria

I am writing on behalf of The Salvation Army to express deep regret for any mistreatment you suffered whilst in the care of The Salvation Army.

I have been provided with a copy of your statement that you have been provided. I am heartened that after so many years that you have been able to tell your story, and hopefully in the telling you may have gained some comfort.

I wish to express The Salvation Army's apology for the abuse, which you have described.

Clearly, what you say happened should not have happened. There is no justification for mistreatment and abuse. The Salvation Army has never condoned it in the past, nor do they condone it now.

I am very much aware that The Salvation Army's apology and compensation may do little to overcome the result of the circumstances and events from which from which you suffered, but I do hope that in some way, it has become a step towards healing.

Can I also say that in light of what we have learned, The Salvation Army has put in place policies and protocols to hopefully ensure that experiences that you suffered will not be repeated again.

Yours faithfully

Winton R. Knop (Major)
Assistant Secretary for Personnel