

# **Mission Statement**

## **of The Salvation Army Social Services in Germany**

### **We are guided by the Bible and act on the foundation of the Christian faith**

- We follow the example of Jesus and encounter great need, suffering and weakness as part of life
- We see people as a unit of spirit, soul and body
- In Jesus' life, death and resurrection show the unlimited possibilities for God to give help to all those who want it
- Through words, deeds and attitude, we express God's unconditional love to all people

### **We respect the dignity of every person**

- As God's creation, every person has the same dignity and the same value
- In our work we are guided by the basic "love thy neighbour" values, honesty, tolerance, faith and forgiveness
- We listen and encounter each other with appreciation
- Through our attitude we help needy people not to lose their self-respect

### **We act as an independent and reliable Partner**

- We co-operate with other churches, associations, organisations and institutions in politics, administration, economy and society
- We take our responsibility in society seriously and actively arrange it accordingly

### **We act with combined responsibility**

- Goals are mutually developed, agreed and examined
- We appreciate, respect and support the work of our colleges
- Full-time and voluntary staff work together with mutual respect
- We are further developing the Salvation Army in its wide scope of work

### **From a real tradition we are innovative**

- Professional behaviour and qualifications make us stand out
- We are further developing the quality of our work
- We challenge and support our professional and social competence
- We act responsibly in business, socially, economically

### **We are there, where people need us**

- Our eyes are open for the internal and external needs of our neighbours and receive them without reservation
- We encounter exclusion and provide a listening ear
- We strive for justified living conditions