

Historical Marker - S646 - The Salvation Army (Marker ID#:S646)



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The Salvation Army

Founded by William Booth in London, England, the Salvation Army came to Michigan in 1883. When organizing the Detroit corps in 1887 Captain Fink wrote to her British superiors: "This is the Metropolis of Michigan . . . a beautiful city, but oh, the sin and iniquity that abounds here." The army initially concentrated its efforts near here, in Cadillac Square, a haven for persons of ill repute. Salvationists found their sidewalk ministry hindered by city officials, who in 1901 enacted an ordinance requiring permits for outdoor speaking, parades, and peddling near Cadillac Square, which was near city hall. Undaunted, the army ministered to the needy, holding both indoor and outdoor meetings. It became one of the most active and effective missions in the city. In 1902 Detroit became the headquarters of the Indiana and Michigan division.

Significant Date:

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

Registry Year: 1994 **Erected Date:** 1994

Marker Location

Address: Randolph Blvd.

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:** 48226

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.33064900 / **Long:** -83.04268000

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