

## ALEGRIA -Community formation and spiritual growth



Photo by Julie Lewis

Glendale, Calif., Corps Officers Captains Rio and Rachel Ray celebrate the soldier enrollment of an Alegria resident.

Along with emphasizing physical healing and positive housing outcomes, The Salvation Army Alegria, in Los Angeles, promotes wholeness in its residents' relationships and in their spiritual lives. Through its spiritual growth program, Alegria provides voluntary opportunities for residents to explore their personal faith. Led by Julie Lewis and Pastor Moses Barrios, the program includes an evening prayer and share meeting, visits to different congregations and pastoral care.

Alegria provides health, housing and child development services to homeless families with special needs, including residents with chronic illnesses such as HIV/AIDS.