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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW

Event: *Thanksgiving Celebration for the Homeless*

When: November 27, 2008 (meal service begins at 11:00A.M.)

Where: The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St, Los Angeles, 90014

The Midnight Mission will hold its annual Thanksgiving Celebration **on Thanksgiving Day**, November 27 between 10:00AM and 2:00PM, or until everyone is fed.

Sponsored by **AEG/Staples Center**, legendary entertainer **Dick Van Dyke**, **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**, **District 9 Councilwoman Jan Perry** and A-list celebrity guests will join over 250 community volunteers to help feed approximately **2000** homeless and near-homeless men, women and children of Skid Row a traditional holiday meal. There will also be a play area sponsored by Disney VoluntEARS, distribution of canned foods collected by Boy Scouts of America and also a used clothing give away.

Live entertainment will be provided by **Dick Van Dyke and The Vantastix** as well as local musicians.

Schedule of events:

8:00AM Donuts and Coffee served

10:00AM Entertainment begins

10:30AM Children's area opens & Distribution of Clothing/Food Bags

11:00AM Thanksgiving Dinner service begins

To accommodate the large crowd that is expected, 6th St. between San Pedro and Wall and San Julian St. between 6th and 7th will be closed.

The Midnight Mission is one of the oldest, continuously operating social service organizations in the region, providing food, shelter, drug and alcohol recovery services, job training and employment opportunities to thousands of individuals daily.

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