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The Midnight Mission Awards Anthony Hopkins for Work with Homeless

Legendary actor, his wife, Stella, and Nestlé USA will be recognized at the 10th Annual Golden Heart Awards for their compassion and involvement in services and programs offered on behalf of L.A.'s Skid Row population.

LOS ANGELES (PRWeb) (April 14, 2010) – Oscar-winning actor Anthony Hopkins and his wife, Stella, will be honored at the 10th Annual Golden Heart Awards on May 10 along with Nestlé USA corporation for their philanthropic work with [The Midnight Mission](#), a social service agency and shelter for the homeless in Los Angeles.

Reminiscent of Charles Dickens' benefactor in the classic tale "Great Expectations" – a role the Welsh-born actor portrayed in a British TV miniseries in 1989 – Hopkins has great empathy for the disadvantaged.

"I could have been homeless," Hopkins said. "I could have been on Skid Row. But fortunately for me I found a way out, and I've had a great, blessed life."

Hopkins is known for his role as Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs," "Hannibal" and "Red Dragon," as well as his portrayals in "Legends of the Fall," "The Remains of the Day," "Amistad," "Shadowlands" and many other films.

[The Golden Heart Awards](#) in Beverly Hills will start with a 6 p.m. reception in the Beverly Hilton Hotel, followed by dinner, the awards and entertainment by comedian Larry Miller and renowned singer Tony Galla. Actor and environmentalist Ed Begley, Jr. will serve as master of ceremonies.

"Sir Anthony Hopkins and his loving wife, Stella, are examples of what is good and great in our world," said Larry Adamson, president and CEO of The Midnight Mission. "A man whose talents have brought him worldwide recognition, fame and acclaim, he is someone who has much – but always remembers from whence he came. Reaching out to help those who struggle and bring them his life experiences sets him and his wife apart."

Hopkins, who self-admittedly struggled with alcohol in his past, has offered interactive workshops for residents in recovery and recorded public service announcements to raise awareness and encourage [partnership with The Midnight Mission](#). He and Stella Hopkins also have planned fund-raising auctions for the shelter and provided toys to needy children.

The Midnight Mission will also pay tribute to Nestlé USA at the gala, giving the corporation a Golden Heart Award for its ongoing philanthropic commitment to the charity's programs and services for the disadvantaged in greater Los Angeles.

"Nestlé's commitment to The Midnight Mission is second to none, from their executives' presence at our holiday meal service to their very generous support. Nestlé is a company – a culture – of Golden Hearts," said Adamson. "From the very

top of their organization and throughout the culture of the company, Nestlé USA understands the value of building strong communities.”

More than 100 Nestlé employees and their families volunteered their time this past Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to assemble food donation bags and distribute them to the homeless. More than 2,000 bottles of water and pre-packaged food were donated by the company. In past years, Nestlé has held their Corporate Day of Volunteering at The Midnight Mission with company employees serving in the facility’s kitchen and dining room.

Founded on L.A.’s Skid Row almost a century ago by Tom Liddecoat, The [Midnight Mission is one of the oldest](#) continuously operated human services organizations in the city. Its name is derived from the late-night meal provided to those taking refuge at the mission. The charity offers meals, drug and alcohol treatment and medical, legal and childcare services in an effort to build a bridge from homeless despair to self-sufficiency. It also provides educational opportunities, jobs and a safe place for the homeless to lay their heads at night.

For additional information about The Midnight Mission or to be added to the media guest list, contact Karli Tanner at 1-(310) 940-0074 or tannerkarli27@aol.com.

ABOUT MIDNIGHT MISSION

Established in 1914, [The Midnight Mission provides diverse services](#) to the homeless of Los Angeles, striving to re-establish them as useful and self-respecting citizens. Offering basic subsistence services, educational opportunities and jobs, The Midnight Mission believes in extending a hand up rather than a handout. It offers therapies to treat drug and alcohol addiction and provides medical and legal services. The Mission offers help at no charge to any man, woman or child who walks through its doors in downtown L.A. The Midnight Mission is a California 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and operates largely through private funding. Larry Adamson serves as CEO.

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