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THE MIDNIGHT MISSION HOSTS 3RD BASKETBALL GAME

The Skid Row All Stars Shoots For 4-0 Record Against LAPD Young Guns

LOS ANGELES, CA (March 18, 2010) - The formidable LAPD team will bring its “A” game to the Row in an attempt to put a stop to The Skid Row Conference 3 – 0 record. This game will feature a composite team with players from the Weingart Center, Union Rescue Mission, Gladys Park, and The Midnight Mission representing Skid Row. Los Angeles Police Department brings together their finest officers from Southwest, Northeast, South Bureau Gangs, and West Traffic Divisions & Harbor Division.

“Good community events serve as a bridge to building relationships that are sometimes strained. Each team wants to win. The competitiveness in this game emphasizes the level of respect for each other. It gives the officers a chance to get out uniform. On the court they are men, men doing something they love,” said Orlando Ward, director of programs and coach of the Skid Row All Stars.

The Midnight Mission expects an audience from all walks of life, old, young, residents in lofts to those live in The Midnight Mission courtyard as well as Chief Beck and officers from LAPD. “We look forward to a great evening of competition, camaraderie and community building,” said Gregory Tucker supervisor of the Athletics Program at The Midnight Mission. “We are looking forward to a tough, fun game, but it’s really an opportunity to connect with folks in the community and serve others,” said Officer Holliman, organizer for LAPD.

Tip-off is Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 6:00PM (to 8:00PM) in The Midnight Mission gym on the second floor. Members of the community are welcome to attend.

ABOUT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION:

The Midnight Mission is a privately funded non-profit organization that has no religious or political affiliations. The goal of our programs is to facilitate the growth of our participants and guests and enhance their capacities for self-sufficiency. This is attained by removing obstacles that impede personal growth, substance abuse, educational deficiencies, lack of basic necessities and poor mental and physical health issues. We not only provide access to services that address the above-listed issues, but we also change those environmental factors which impede or interfere with the progress of self-fulfillment and healthy self esteem. We expect every participant in our program to commit to an individual plan of recovery and transition and will provide whatever tools necessary for our participants and guests to reach their highest potential.

The Midnight Mission is a prominent human services provider for near homeless and homeless men, women, and children. For more information visit www.midnightmission.org or contact Orlando Ward 213 -216-6910, oward@midnightmission.org.

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