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The Midnight Mission (TMM) Hosts Basketball Game with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD)

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, the formidable LASD team will come to Skid Row for a basketball game against TMM. TMM's team, comprised of TMM Program Participants and Alumni, has been eagerly awaiting this match-up. *"Our Midnight Basketball team has been zealously practicing through our Health and Wellness program and are ready to meet the LASD on the court,"* said Valerie Mayers, Health & Wellness Coordinator at TMM.

TMM will welcome an audience from all walks of life; from old to young, to residents who live in the lofts downtown, to those who live in TMM's courtyard, as well as officers from the LASD. Sheriff McDonnell stated *"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring us together and share a national pastime. Events like this help build our sense of belonging and show our homeless community who often may feel lost or forgotten that the LASD cares and supports the goals of The Midnight Mission. The LASD Basketball Team is looking forward to a great game!"*

Tip-off is at 6:00 PM in TMM gym, located on the second floor. Parking is available in TMM's secure lot, located underneath the building. All members of the community are welcome to attend, completely free of charge. Before the basketball game starts, the LASD will be in uniform, serving dinner to our homeless community in our Guest Dining Room.

About LASD: The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is the nation's largest Sheriff's Department. The LASD patrols a geographic area of more than 4,200 square miles and is responsible for providing public safety services to 42 contract cities and more than 130 unincorporated communities, 9 community colleges, 177 County Parks, 6 major hospitals, 37 Superior Courthouses. On average we respond to more than 1 million calls for service. We are guided by our principle values: Integrity, Accountability, Service and Ethics.

About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost direction. Our emergency services and 12-step recovery, family living, job training, education and workforce development programs offer a compassionate bridge to achieve and maintain healthy, productive lives. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit www.midnightmission.org.