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The Midnight Mission Celebrates 1 Year Anniversary of Women's Crisis & Bridge Housing Center

- What:** It has been one year since The Midnight Mission (TMM) opened its Women's Crisis & Bridge Housing Center, the first and largest program of its kind in Skid Row. Please join us as we recognize the strong women who got themselves off the streets, as well as our valued supporters and collaborative partners.
- Who:** All are welcome to attend. Speakers will include TMM President & CEO G. Michael Arnold, Women's Center CEO Anne Miskey, actor/TMM volunteer Maya Stojan and a graduate of the program. City and county leaders who will also speak include Candidate for Congressional District 25 Katie Hill, 14th District Councilmember Jose Huizar and 1st District County Supervisor Hilda Solis. There will also be a special musical performance by Urban Voices Project.
- When:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm - Lunch will be served
- Where:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014 – 2nd Floor Gym
- Why:** Every night, over 14,500 women experience homelessness in Los Angeles County, most without shelter or a safe place to sleep. In response to this growing crisis, The Midnight Mission opened a Crisis and Bridge Housing center focusing on women at its main headquarters on Los Angeles' Skid Row. Over the past three years, female homelessness has increased by 55 percent, which is five and a half times higher than the rate of men. One of the more shocking statistics is that over 90 percent of those women have experienced physical or sexual assault.
- How:** For more information about the event, contact Katie Norris at (213) 553-2328 or knorris@midnightmission.org. For more information about the Women's Crisis and Bridge Housing Center, contact Rita Richardson at (213) 624-9258 or rrichardson@midnightmission.org.
- Misc.:** The Women's Crisis and Bridge Housing Center works in partnership with other premier service providers serving women in the community, including the Downtown Women's Center. The Center at Midnight Mission includes on-site medical and mental health care, temporary housing, meals, case management and service triage, access to our on-site school, computer learning center and job and career counselor and connections with housing resources to quickly end their episode of homelessness. Those who come to the Center for help are assessed and connected to permanent housing whenever possible or triaged into the most appropriate service-enhanced housing available. The Center works in close collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry System (CES).

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.