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MUSIC WITH A MISSION – STRIKING A CHORD SINCE 2010

WHAT: Music With A Mission (MWAM) - Jason Heath and The Greedy Souls

WHEN: Thursday - August 3, 2017 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

WHERE: The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014

WHO: **Jason Heath and The Greedy Souls**

A Los Angeles area native, born in the city of Inglewood, Jason Heath was raised all over Southern California. His interest in making music began to rise in 6th grade with long-time friend, Abraham Etz. As the years went by, music became central to their life as Heath and Etz found themselves playing together in various outfits, including Spinewire, who recorded with Tom Morello and producer Dennis Herring (Elvis Costello, Modest Mouse). The Greedy Souls began to come together as a cohesive band in December 2006. With the release of Packed for Exile, their second album, the band carries its vision forward through songs that paint pictures of lives in flux, and meeting unseen challenges. "It's Americana in terms of being American country, folk, blues, punk and rock 'n' roll influenced," Heath says. "... it's all working class music, with common themes – love, loss, redemption and the search for justice." For Jason Heath and the Greedy Souls, that search goes on, in a mission of music. This will be Jason Heath & The Greedy Soul's (JH&TGS) 7th visit to The Midnight and we are so grateful that they are willing to come and donate their time to our Skid Row community in this unique. Our program participants and homeless and near-homeless guests are elated to have them back! In the last seven years, MWAM has really grown thanks to talented people like JH&TGS.

For more information about Jason Heath and TGS, please visit (<http://www.jasonheathandthegreedysouls.com>)

WHY: The Midnight hosts Music With a Mission (MWAM) to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. Music is a survival tactic for many people in dealing with life's difficulties. MWAM is aimed at bringing our community together through music. MWAM is quite simple. Musicians bring their instruments and play for our homeless and near-homeless guests. It is an intimate setting, so musicians have the opportunity to interact with our guests, answer questions and/or talk about music and its history. We encourage musicians to invite their fan base so they can engage and enjoy music with individuals they would not normally encounter in their daily lives. **We are currently looking for sponsors for this ever-growing community event. If you are interested, please contact Georgia Berkovich at 213-624-4588 or gberkovich@midnightmission.org.**

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.