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Walmart Foundation Makes \$50,000 Contribution to The Midnight Mission to Provide Meals to Homeless Individuals and Families



From Left: Gil Hurtado (Former Mayor of South Gate), Mike Arnold (President & CEO, The Midnight Mission), Nick Crooks (South Gate Walmart Supercenter Co-Manager), and Javier Angulo (Sr. Director, Walmart Community Relations)

LOS ANGELES – The Walmart Foundation presented a \$50,000 grant check to The Midnight Mission (TMM) on Friday, July 14, 2017 at Walmart’s South Gate store. The grant funding will support TMM’s daily meal service, which provides nearly 1 million meals per year to homeless and low-income people in Los Angeles.

Since 2009, the Walmart Foundation has generously supported TMM’s hunger relief efforts. Through our Emergency Services Program, TMM serves three meals a day, 365 days per year to the homeless and low-income community. TMM’s daily meal service is our first point of contact with many homeless individuals and families in our area. Our staff works to build trusting relationships with each person who visits our facility for a meal, identifying their individual needs and connecting them to services and resources that will ultimately help aid them to permanent, stable housing and self-sufficiency.

Los Angeles has the largest food insecure population in the country. Additionally, on any given night in Los Angeles County, there are almost 58,000 people sleeping on the streets or in shelters. To begin solving the homelessness crisis, we must first ensure that those in need are provided the basic necessities of life – starting with enough food to survive.

TMM is proud to partner with the Walmart Foundation in their initiative to help create an affordable, accessible, sustainable and healthier food system across the globe, which begins with relieving hunger in our local communities.

“We are deeply grateful for Walmart’s partnership over the years, which has enabled us to meet the growing needs of an ever-increasing homeless population,” said Midnight Mission President & CEO Mike Arnold. “Their commitment to combating hunger makes us natural partners as we address the needs of those who are less fortunate.”

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.