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### THANKSGIVING BRUNCH AT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION

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**WHEN:** Thursday, November 22, 2018, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**WHO:** Thanks to Presenting Sponsor **Albertsons Companies Foundation**, Co-Sponsor **Soylent** and special assistance from **Councilmember Jose Huizar's** office, we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving brunch at The Midnight Mission.

**WHAT:** Thanksgiving brunch will be served to nearly 2500 homeless and near-homeless men, women and children. More than 300 corporate and community volunteers will be at The Midnight on Thanksgiving morning preparing and serving food for the annual celebration. Volunteers include entertainers **Dick and Arlene Van Dyke** and **Louis Price**, actors **Abigail Spencer**, **Maya Stojan**, **Mr. T**, **Ava Cantrell**, **Kiana Lyz Rivera** and **Savannah Liles**, musician/producer/lead singer & guitarist of Goldfinger **John Feldmann**, musicians **Jason Federici** and **Jason Heath** of *Jason Heath & The Greedy Souls*, musician **Jason Hemmens**, pro boxers **Deontay Wilder** and **Tyson Fury**, NFL player **Sean Porter**, retired NFL player **Bret Lockett**, the first Ms. America and Ms. America Pageant President **Susan Jeske**, Ms. California 2019 **Dr. Dawn Mooney**, Ms. California 2018 **Monica Zaragoza**, philanthropist **Shane Griffin**, celebrity surgeon and owner of ProMedSpine **Dr. Peyman Gravori**, comedian **Godfrey Flax**, as well as other celebrities.

Entertainment will be provided by **Jason Sinay** and Friends. Sinay, a former Midnight Mission Golden Heart Recipient, is a respected Los Angeles session musician for such artists as Jerry Lee Lewis, Neil Diamond and The Dirty Knobs (with Mike Campbell of Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers). There will also be a special performance by our friends at **Urban Voices Project**, whose mission is to provide healing through music for homeless and disenfranchised individuals in Skid Row.

**WHERE:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro Street, LA, CA 90014 (6<sup>th</sup> Street & San Julian Street)

**WHY:** Of the many services The Midnight provides to our unique community, one of the most important is the sense of family we offer to those who often feel lost and forgotten during the holidays and other days of celebration. We are grateful for our wonderful donors, volunteers and friends who make it possible for us to continue our life-saving and life-changing work. Now, more than ever, we need to work together to restore hope and dignity to those in need.

**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](http://www.midnightmission.org).

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