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LAUGHTER WITH A MISSION - HEALING THROUGH LAUGHTER SINCE 2012

WHAT: Laughter With A Mission (LWAM) – OPEN MIC
WHEN: Thursday – February 14, 2019 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
WHERE: The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014

WHO: Our homeless community and guest comedians Logan Hobson & Nicole Majdali:

Hailing from New York, NY, **Logan Hobson** has become a standard in the local comedy community. With regular sets at both The Comedy Store and The Clown House, he has bolstered his craft into a rollercoaster set of laughs. Logan, an alumnus of our program, is returning to TMM to host our open mic, Laughter With A Mission. Logan was a regular at our open mics during his time in our program and has continued to join us since his graduation. We are grateful that Logan continues to give back to the community and The Midnight Mission.

California native **Nicole Majdali** grew up in Hacienda Heights. At the age of 15 she moved to Cairo, Egypt where she attended and graduated from El Alsson Int'l School. After completing a semester at The American University of Cairo she moved back to Long Beach, California. Nicole has been seen in several television commercials and films. Her passion for laughing and making others laugh has helped her career in Stand Up Comedy which she began in 2012. In 2016, Nicole opened up about some painful secrets of her past in her short film *Pretty Funny Nicole*. It is an inspiring dramady based on her life. Nicole's brave move of sharing her secrets has won her Best Comedy in Hollywood Film Competition 2017 and Winner at LA Shorts Awards 2017.

Laughter With A Mission will consist of 15 three to five minute performances. Performance slots will be available at a first-come first-serve basis.

WHY: Laughter With A Mission (LWAM) aims to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. The open mic format allows individuals to showcase talents that might normally go unnoticed day to day in the community. Like all of our With A Mission events, LWAM is meant to bring our community together. Our homeless and near-homeless guests may perform stand-up routines, present spoken word pieces, play musical pieces, etc. It is an intimate setting, which provides an opportunity for our community to share their talents in this unique and creative way.

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.