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LAUGHTER WITH A MISSION - HEALING THROUGH LAUGHTER SINCE 2012

WHAT: Laughter With A Mission (LWAM) – OPEN MIC

WHEN: Thursday – April 18, 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 & Adam Barnhardt:**
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 LWAM Open Mic. Logan was a regular at our Open Mics during his time in our program and has continued to support the event in this unique way since graduating.

Originally from Dallas, Texas, **Adam Barnhardt's** comedy career began in New York City, NY performing at The Comic Strip, Caroline's, Stand Up NY, Gotham, among other places. In 1994, Adam moved to Los Angeles and has worked steadily as a professional comedian, coach, actor and Comedy-Therapist. He has performed stand-up comedy all over the US and London. He has the longest running show (since 1998) at The Comedy Store and regularly performs at The Improv and The Laugh Factory in Hollywood.

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: LWAM aims to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. Each quarter, guest comedians host an open mic, bringing the gift of laughter to our community. This unique and creative format allows community participants to showcase their talents that might otherwise go unnoticed. Like all of our With A Mission events, LWAM is meant to bring our community together. Participants perform stand-up routines, present spoken word pieces, play musical pieces, etc. **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.