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....and a tip of the hat to all of our faithful volunteers. We could not do it without you.



Darrell is one of 93 graduates from our recovery program this year. Your gifts truly do change lives. Look inside for other exciting stories made possible by your generous support.

READY TO SHINE,
Thanks to you

A YEAR OF VICTORIES - BUT THE BATTLE CONTINUES

A Letter from our President & CEO



Thanks to your generosity, hope is springing up in Skid Row. During the past year, as you have partnered with The Midnight Mission, thousands of lives have been transformed. But, as we move into a new fiscal year, thousands remain trapped in desperate poverty. Our battle against poverty and addiction is far from over.

Yet now, more than ever, your support of The Midnight Mission offers them a lifeline of hope.

In this Annual Report Issue of our quarterly newsletter, we are celebrating all that your gifts have accomplished during the past fiscal year. I know you'll enjoy reading about all the ways people in Skid Row have been positively impacted this year through your generosity.

Over the past 12 months, more than 5,000 people like you made financial contributions to The Midnight Mission and we had over 18,000 volunteer experiences. On top of that, hundreds of generous folks donated food, clothing and other items we need to help people struggling with homelessness.

Our work can be overwhelming at times. But we press on, knowing that each number represents a person, a friend, a neighbor who needs help. Thanks for your support. We appreciate you. You make it all happen.

Please consider helping us get off to a good start in the new fiscal year. Send a generous gift today.

With Sincere Gratitude,

G. Michael Arnold,
President & CEO of The Midnight Mission



Darrell is one of 93 men who graduated from The Midnight Mission's Recovery Program this year. He says, "Somebody helped me. Now I'm ready to help others."

More than 300 proud relatives were in attendance at The Midnight Mission's graduation ceremony on June 23.

Our Favorite Day to Celebrate? June 23 of course!

We've had a great year at The Midnight Mission.

One of our best days was June 23, when 93 men graduated from our year-long Recovery Program. You should have seen the smiles on their faces - and on the faces of more than 300 proud relatives and guests packed into our gymnasium for the occasion.

They were there to support graduates like Darrell, who came to The Midnight Mission a broken man. Darrell's addictions had destroyed his marriage and led him to a life in Skid Row. "Eventually I just got tired of being addicted to drugs," he says. Darrell and the other men in our program were given a safe, comfortable place to stay. They received hot, nutritious meals, took part in activities to strengthen the mind, body and spirit and received other care and support.

- **Our healthy living program**, focuses on nutrition and exercise.
- **Our GED program** offers those who never finished high school a chance to get their diploma.
- **And we help our men find jobs** and permanent housing.

Darrell is now employed by The Midnight Mission, working in the public affairs department. He is also in school, working toward becoming a drug and alcohol counselor.

"I'm finally able to start rebuilding my life. I can mend my broken relationships and help other people," Darrell says.

We are so thankful to friends like you, who make all of this possible through your generous gifts. We appreciate you so much and the part you play in changing lives here at The Midnight Mission!

For more information about our programs and more success stories visit our website at: www.midnightmission.org



All of the men in our program have service duties while at The Midnight. They work in various departments here, giving back and learning valuable skills that will help them recover and get their lives back on track.



Thanks to your generous support of The Midnight Mission, Jose, Jessica and their children got a new lease on life through our HomeLight Program.



Thanks to your generous support, over 4,500 homeless, hungry people have found help at our Orange County Courtyard during the past year.

Thank You for Keeping the HomeLights Burning in 2019

When Jose and Jessica first met, Jose had just been released from prison after spending ten years behind bars. The couple began living together, and having children, even though they had no home and moved from one run-down motel to another.

Eventually, they turned to The Midnight Mission for help. Because of their situation, they were directed to our HomeLight program. HomeLight Family Living is an interim housing and supportive services program which helps families that are experiencing homelessness regain stability and permanent housing.

For the first time, Jose and Jessica had a place to call home and could be reunited with their children in one of the HomeLight apartments. They are able to live together as a family now, buy a car and save for an apartment. They both have jobs and now have hope for a new life.

Thank you for making miracles like this one possible.

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, our HomeLight program helped 57 families, served 35 children with programs and summer camp experiences, and found jobs for 19 people.



Our HomeLight Program provides fully furnished apartments, community and computer rooms, recreational areas, a library, plus a large outdoor playground and basketball court.

Your Helping Hand Extends All the Way to Orange County

Did you know that The Midnight Mission is helping homeless and hungry people in Orange County as well as Los Angeles? The Courtyard Orange County is an around-the-clock transitional center with 450 emergency shelter beds and enhanced services in the city of Santa Ana. Here's what the Courtyard Orange County has accomplished over the past 12 months:

Number of people served: 4,912

Men served: 3,364

Women served: 1,542

Number of nights of shelter: 85,221

Number of meals: 322,748

Number of people transitioned to permanent housing: 386

Number of veterans served: 204

It's just one more way you are helping people get off the streets and back into society through your support of The Midnight Mission.

Round the Clock Emergency Services

This year, The Midnight Mission provided hundreds of homeless individuals and families with a safe environment where they can get food, clothing and basic emergency services.

Our courtyard is open to everyone during the day, offering a safe, controlled environment where homeless families and individuals can gather. Our courtyard is an oasis for those who face the constant struggles of life on the street. Thank you for making it all possible.