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THANKSGIVING AT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION DURING COVID

The Midnight Mission (TMM) will **not** be holding our traditional Thanksgiving event this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, staff and program participants **will** be serving three meals to our community on Thanksgiving, as we do every day from our courtyard. For the time being, no onsite volunteering is permitted, and media will have minimal access, including no entry to the kitchen or building, in adherence to our safety protocols.

Thanks to *Title Sponsor Albertsons Companies Foundation* and *Meal Sponsor Erewhon Organic Grocer and Café*, and with *special assistance* from **Council District 14**, Midnight Mission staff and program participants who have been following TMM's strict protective measures will be serving special, Thanksgiving-themed take-out meals to our community guests during the lunch service at noon.

Since the onset of the pandemic, TMM has been working tirelessly to maintain our guests, residents, and staff's safety and well-being by following the suggested guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Below are some ways volunteers can help from home:

- Make a financial donation. You can donate through our website www.midnightmission.org/donate/, [click here](#), or text the keyword **Meals** to **71777** on your cell phone to donate today.
- Donate prepared take-out meals for our guests. We are serving thousands of "take-out" meals each day. Contact alinares@midnightmission.org for more information.

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 national days of celebration. We are grateful for our wonderful donors, volunteers, and friends who make it possible for us to continue our lifesaving and life-changing work. Now, more than ever, we need to work together to restore hope and dignity to those in need.

On behalf of everyone at The Midnight Mission, we thank you for your support. We hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this time of uncertainty.

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.