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## The Midnight Mission Receives \$100,000.00 Grant from Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions Nourishing Neighbors Community Relief Initiative

The Midnight Mission received a \$100,000 grant to support hunger relief efforts during the holiday season and beyond, courtesy of Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions Nourishing Neighbors Community Relief Initiative.

"No one should have to go hungry, especially during the holiday season. We're grateful to Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions Nourishing Neighbors for awarding us this grant so we can help the homeless community," said Katya Askar, Manager of Corporate Giving and Events.

A hot meal at The Midnight Mission is often the first step toward changing a person's life, getting a safe roof over one's head, and getting the counseling, education and training that can lead to real, long-lasting rehabilitation. Generous grants like this make it possible for The Midnight Mission to continue providing our life-saving and life-changing services to the neediest in our community. We are thrilled to have Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions Nourishing Neighbors as our partner. Together we are committed to NEVER stop helping our homeless and hungry neighbors.

Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions Nourishing Neighbors Community Relief Initiative was established to help families impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and beyond. More than \$77 million has been donated this year alone to help food banks, schools, and senior centers launch or maintain their meal programs. This round of Nourishing Neighbors grants focuses on the needs of marginalized communities, which have been hit particularly hard. Roughly 86 percent of Latino households with children and 66 percent of Black households with children reported severe financial difficulties during the pandemic. Across the board, the numbers are staggering.

"We're distributing almost \$14 million in grants to great community organizations that are dedicated to helping where the need is most urgent," said Kevin Curry, Albertsons Companies Southern California Division President. "We're proud to partner with The Midnight Mission so that, together, we can make a difference in the lives of the people who are disproportionately at risk of hunger."



**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.

**About Albertsons Companies:** The Albertsons Companies is one of the largest food and drug retailers in the United States, with both a strong local presence and national scale. The company operates stores across 33 states and the District of Columbia under 18 well-known banners including Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, ACME, Tom Thumb, Randalls, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market and Carrs.

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