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**Los Angeles Chargers & Melissa's Produce Host Virtual Cooking Event
Benefitting *The Midnight Mission's HomeLight Family Living Program***

Chargers Legend LaDainian Tomlinson, Actors Tim Allen and Jaleel White are a few of the special guests joining the charity cooking class as well as Celebrity Chef and Food Network Star Jet Tila who will provide cooking tips.

With summer around the corner, what better way to gear up for warmer days than to learn easy healthy recipes during a fun and interactive cooking class hosted by the Los Angeles Chargers and Melissa's Produce on May 27 while also being able to support *The Midnight Mission's HomeLight Family Program*.

Melissa's Produce Executive Chef **Tom Fraker** will provide live step-by-step instructions on how to prepare a delicious four-course family style vegetarian meal featuring recipes from Melissa's *Everyday Cooking with Organic Produce* cookbook. Participants will receive a box with the main dish components prior to the event.

To learn more and register for an unforgettable cooking experience, visit www.chargers.com/cooking. All funds raised will support *The Midnight Mission's HomeLight Family Living Program*, where women and families suffering from homelessness, domestic abuse, and addiction find a safe haven to build a new life.

Susie Spanos, wife of LA Chargers owner and chairman of the board Dean Spanos, **Jane Allen** and **Elizabeth Allen Dick**, wife and daughter of actor Tim Allen, will serve as the event presenters. Additionally, live programming will include special guest appearances by several Chargers personalities, including Pro Football Hall of Fame running back **LaDainian Tomlinson**, Chargers Head Coach **Brandon Staley**, offensive tackle and 2021 first-round draft selection **Rashawn Slater** along with celebrity chef **Jet Tila** and actors **Tim Allen** and **Jaleel White**.

WHEN: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 5:00 – 6:00 pm (PST)

HOW: Register at www.chargers.com/cooking and invite friends to help raise funds for *The Midnight Mission's HomeLight Family Living Program*. With customized recipes and step-by-step instructions, anyone can cook along in real time.

MISC: For event questions and details, please contact Cheyanne Warren-Diaz at cheyanne.warren-diaz@chargers.nfl.com.



About HomeLight Family Living, a program of The Midnight Mission: HomeLight Family Living, provides the path for families in crisis to reunify, rebuild and restore their lives. We provide education, career preparedness, counseling, and life skills to break the cycle of abuse and poverty to ensure independent, successful living. For additional information, please visit our website at www.midnightmission.org/homelight or contact Ricardo Rosales, Director of Family Living, at rrosales@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.