



20th Annual Golden Heart Awards

The Midnight Mission is excited to announce that we will host our 20th Annual Golden Heart Awards on Friday, October 1, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

The Golden Heart Awards are awarded annually to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated compassion for those in our community who are less fortunate.

We hope you'll consider becoming an event sponsor. Your sponsorship will directly support The Midnight Mission's life-saving, life-changing programs for homeless individuals and families.

To secure your sponsorship, please contact Katya Askar at (213) 553-2328 or at kaskar@midnightmission.org.

Build a Legacy of Love

Including The Midnight in your will or revocable trust is a wonderful way to build on your legacy of love and ensure that the life-changing work of The Midnight Mission carries on. Whether your estate is large, small, or somewhere in between, a planned gift will provide dependable support that transforms the lives of hurting neighbors. At the same time, your estate benefits from tax relief. To learn how easy it is to make a planned gift, please contact our CDO, Chris Doyle, at (213) 553-2327.



The MIDNIGHT JOURNEY

A QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER OF THE MIDNIGHT MISSION

Fall 2021

"The Midnight Mission saved my life!"

James first came to The Midnight Mission for help in 1996, but he didn't begin to apply the lessons he learned until he went through the program a second time in 2000.

Today he is an inspiration, having spent the last 20 years helping others get their lives back on track.

Read James's story inside.



Make a gift or donate to the MidnightMission.org



Here's my gift to feed and care for those in need this Thanksgiving season.

- ☐ \$25.33 for 17 meals and care
- ☐ \$50.66 for 34 meals and care
- ☐ \$77.48 for 52 meals and care
- ☐ \$ _____ to help as much as possible

☐ Bill my credit card ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐ DISCOVER

☐ Make this a monthly gift

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CIV/SEC# _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

It's easy to give your gift online:
MidnightMission.org

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Just for you...

- The Table of Grace
- "This is where I give back to others."
- ONE MILLION MEALS!

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CEO'S MESSAGE



The Table of Grace

This Thanksgiving season, more than 161,000 meals will be served every day at tables where guests are treated with dignity and respect.

We expect every seat to be filled at every meal. No one will be forgotten. No one will go hungry. But, around our tables, **so much more than food is offered**, as this song reminds us:

At the table of grace, the cup's never empty.

The plate's always full, and it's never too late

To come and be filled with love never ending:

*Everyone's welcome at the table of grace.**

Help, hope and grace are available for all at The Midnight Mission!

In addition to daily meals, hundreds of individuals and families will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast at The Midnight Mission on Thursday, November 25.

There are so many ways to be part of the Table of Grace: volunteer, donate food, keep those we serve in your thoughts and prayers, and make a gift to The Midnight Mission.

Your support today will bring more people to the table tomorrow!

Giving thanks for you,

G. Michael Arnold

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President & CEO
The Midnight Mission

"This is where I give back to others."

Staying at The Midnight Mission was not James's original plan. While working in the kitchen as part of our work therapy program, he applied for Section 8 housing and found an apartment.

Ready to be on his own, James asked if he could stay at TMM just until he could find another job. Unfortunately, that job never materialized, but James found an incredible mentor here at The Midnight Mission – our Executive Chef, Richard Ramirez.

James and Richard not only worked together for over 13 years, Richard also encouraged James to go to LA Trade-Tech for Culinary Arts. For two years, James worked here at The Midnight Mission from midnight to 6 a.m., then caught a bus to school – sometimes getting his sleep between stops on the bus. He completed the course and became a certified chef.



James, in turn, has befriended and mentored others.

James's enthusiasm for his work spills over into the people he meets. One little boy started to volunteer here at The Midnight Mission when he was nine. He and his family and James grew so close over the years that they invited James into their home for Christmas!

The life James leads is one of service to others. He only misses work if he is sick. His co-workers know he is responsible and dependable.

James loves to meet the volunteers who come to help in The Midnight Mission's kitchen. His enthusiasm for what he does spills over into the people he meets.

He is a shining example of what can happen when you put your trust in God and dedicate your life to helping others. With his needs met, he lives a life that is usefully whole, encouraging others to "stay focused, stay connected, and don't let circumstances in life knock you off your feet."

Thank you so much for making a difference in James's life through your support!

Thanks
to you...

Up to 1 million meals
will be served in the
next 12 months!



Individuals and families have received emergency services, including meals, showers, and a safe place to sleep.

Individuals have benefited from Transitional Housing and Job Readiness programs.

Thanks to you, homeless neighbors who needed help now more than ever have found it at The Midnight Mission.



Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$1.49!

Thank you for being a part of The Midnight Mission's family and ensuring that individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness have the support they need to stay safe and healthy – through this crisis and beyond.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. That means we are gearing up to prepare thousands of dinners at The Midnight Mission for those who need our help more than ever.

The menu is set: turkey, potatoes, rolls, pumpkin pies – all the trimmings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Your generous support today will help ensure that we have enough food to feed every hungry person who walks through our doors.

At just \$1.49 per meal, imagine how many lives you can touch. Please send a generous gift today or donate online at MidnightMission.org.



Here's what
YOUR GIFTS have
provided this year!

2020-2021 Year in Review

680,173
nutritious meals

10,324
hot showers

58,905
hygiene kits

6,271
nights of safe shelter

17,750
food boxes distributed

10,897
volunteer hours

5,010
barber/beauty shop visits

2,657
attended
AA/NA meeting

26
families in crisis served
at HomeLight

Thank you for your gifts and support, which make these services possible!