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THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION

- WHEN:** Thursday, November 25, 2021, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- WHERE:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro Street, LA, CA 90014 (intersection of 6th Street & San Julian Street)
- WHO:** Thanks to our sponsors **Knighted** and **Lateral Link**, with special assistance from the offices of **Mayor Eric Garcetti** and **Councilmember Kevin DeLeon**, and the help of our generous donors and volunteers, The Midnight Mission will be holding our annual Thanksgiving brunch. A special thank you to **Morongo Band of Mission Indians** for their donation of 100 turkeys.

Volunteers include Mayor **Eric Garcetti**, LA City Councilmember **Kevin DeLeon**, Congressman **Jimmy Gomez**, actor/environmental activist **Ed Begley, Jr.**, musician/producer **John Feldmann** (*Goldfinger*), musicians **Jason Heath** and **Jason Federici** (*Jason Heath & The Greedy Souls*), musician **John Otto** (*Limp Bizkit*) and his daughter, professional dancer **Ava Otto**, musician/Street Symphony founder/2018 MacArthur "Genius" Grant recipient **Vijay Gupta**, award-winning journalist/anchor/reporter **Tony McEwing**, actor/recording artist **Alexander James Rodriguez**, musician **Semaj the Poet**, TV personality **Ellie Shefi**, and many more.

- WHAT:** We will close down 6th Street in front of TMM and serve a traditional holiday meal to nearly 2000 homeless and near-homeless individuals and families. More than 200 **vaccinated** corporate and community volunteers will be at The Midnight on Thanksgiving morning, preparing and serving food for our annual celebration.

Rebel Angels, featuring Jason Sinay (*a former Midnight Mission Golden Heart Recipient*), **Mike Mennell**, **Phil Parlapiano**, and **Herman Mathews**. There will also be a special performance by our friends **Street Symphony's Jazz Ensemble**. Street Symphony is an LA-based nonprofit organization that brings music to homeless and incarcerated communities through workshops, events, and one-on-one musical instruction.

CORE will be providing Covid-19 testing, and **Carbon Health** will be providing Covid-19 vaccinations for our community guests.



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

About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to individuals and families 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.