



The MIDNIGHT JOURNEY

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Living Proof

"The Midnight Mission showed me I didn't have to remain homeless and addicted on Skid Row," Edward says. "I'm living proof that lives can be transformed when someone takes time to believe in you."

"People who come to The Midnight Mission just need to stay until the miracle happens for them!"

Read more of Edward's amazing story inside...

Just for you...

- Repairing Souls
- "I am living proof that lives can be transformed!"
- Volunteers Welcome!
- 20th Annual Golden Heart Awards

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Repairing Souls

Many guests come to The Midnight Mission with nothing but the clothes on their backs and the shoes on their feet.

Often, the soles of their shoes and their souls are in need of repair.

With you as our partner, we can do both. We can provide for their physical needs: shoes and clothing, hot, nourishing meals, and safe shelter. We can offer emotional support through 12-step recovery, counseling, education, and job readiness. We give our participants the tools they need to get back on their feet with the love and compassion that can change lives.

Our kitchen will prepare and serve tens of thousands of meals from now through Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will provide three meals daily to individuals and families who are hungry and provide safe shelter each night.

The gift you send today will be put to work immediately to feed, shelter and restore the soles and the souls of hungry, homeless, hurting people here in Skid Row.

This is a challenging season for many people in our community. Please continue your commitment to those we serve, and the staff and volunteers who help turn lives around.

Thank you, and bless you for caring!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Michael Arnold".

G. Michael Arnold
President & CEO
The Midnight Mission



"I am living proof that lives can be transformed!"

Edward lived on the streets for over seven years, in and out of the missions in Downtown Los Angeles. He could never stay in or finish any program that offered him help.

Edward first came to The Midnight Mission because he was hungry. He kept coming back because TMM had "the best food in Skid Row," and he could safely sleep in the courtyard at night.

It was a Midnight alumni who encouraged him to take advantage of our Healthy Living Program.

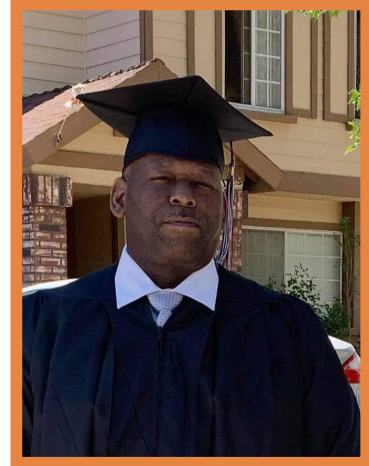
Part of the program was attending 12-step recovery meetings. "These meetings were a turning point for me," Edward says. "For the first time, I wanted to finish a program. I wanted to have a different life."

A job that changed the course of his life.

Edward's job at The Midnight changed the course of his life. Assigned as an assistant to our Managing Director, Clancy Ismislund, the minute Edward put on a shirt and tie for his new position, he knew he wanted to become a professional. He would answer phones and read computer books in his spare time.

With the support of his family, Edward pursued his dream of becoming a professional. He enrolled at Antelope Valley College for a degree in network administration, and is currently back in school working on his business administration degree. He carries a 3.0 GPA and has received two scholarships!

Edward aspires to finish his education to show future employers he is a changed man.

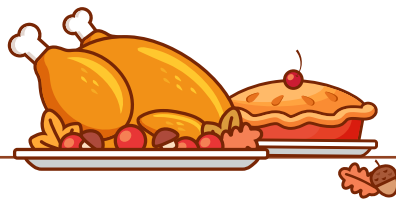


He encourages others to continue to learn because it will pave the way for the future.

"The Midnight Mission showed me I didn't have to be the stereotype; I did not have to remain homeless and addicted to drugs on Skid Row. I am living proof that lives can be transformed when someone takes the time to believe in you. I want others who come to The Midnight to stay until the miracle happens for them!"

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

Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$1.75!



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.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. With the rising cost of groceries, gas and other needs, more struggling people

are coming to The Midnight Mission for help. That's why we're already gearing up to serve thousands of dinners.

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

At just \$1.75 per meal, imagine how many dinners you can provide and how many lives you can touch. Please send a generous gift today or donate online at **MidnightMission.org/donate**.

Thank you!



2021–2022 Year in Review

811,726

nutritious meals

33,947

hot showers

22,125

hygiene kits

Over 400

nights of safe shelter

13,045

food boxes distributed

4,749

volunteer hours

340

barber/ beauty shop visits

4,481

attended AA/CA/NA meetings

25

families in crisis served at HomeLight

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



Friday, October 7, 2022

6 p.m. | Reception and Silent Auction

7 p.m. | Dinner and Awards Ceremony

The Beverly Wilshire Hotel

The Midnight Mission's Golden Heart Awards are awarded annually to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a 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 lifesaving, life-changing programs for homeless individuals and families.

To secure your sponsorship, please contact Hidemi Kurokawa at (213) 624-9258 ext. 1263 or at HKurokawa@MidnightMission.org.

Shopping with a Purpose

Did you know that when you purchase something through Amazon.com, a portion of your purchase can go to The Midnight Mission?

Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and log in to your Amazon.com account. Once you've logged in, select The Midnight Mission as the charity you wish to support. Use the link any time you shop, and a portion of your purchase will go to support TMM. It's a very easy way to help our neighbors here in Skid Row!

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Make a gift or donate to the MidnightMission.org



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

- ☐ \$29.75 for **17 meals and care**
- ☐ \$59.50 for **34 meals and care**
- ☐ \$91.00 for **52 meals and care**
- ☐ \$ _____ to help as many people as possible

☐ Bill my credit card ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

☐ Make this a monthly gift

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

Phone # _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

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