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### **The Midnight Mission Awards Champions of Homelessness at 2022 Golden Heart Awards**

The Midnight Mission's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Heart Awards Gala is set for **Friday, October 7, 2022**, at **6:00 pm** at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. This year's Gala will be a fantastic evening of fun, friends, and philanthropy. The Golden Heart Awards Gala jointly honors The Midnight's longstanding legacy to Southern California's neediest individuals and families and those whose contributions embrace the organization's transformative spirit of giving. As Southern California's premier social service provider, The Midnight has never missed a day of service since 1914.

The Gala will begin at 6:00 pm with a cocktail reception and silent auction. The awards dinner following will recognize the exemplary service of individuals with The Midnight's highest distinction, The Golden Heart Award. Attendees can look forward to a moving program with testimonies from alumni from The Midnight Mission programs and honorees. Our host for the evening is **Comedian Tehran Von Ghasri**. There will also be special musical performances by **Andy & Renee and Hard Rain**.

This year, we are privileged to honor two champions in our community. The prestigious Golden Heart Award will be given to *Corporate Community Leader* **SoCalGas** and *Volunteer Leader and Supporter* **Marco Tachiquin**. Our honorees are being recognized for their significant contributions to understanding and responding to the human tragedy of homelessness. Each embodies The Midnight's enduring commitment to helping those who are less fortunate.

We extend a special expression of gratitude to our *Presenting Sponsor*, **The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation**, *Diamond Sponsors* **SoCalGas, R. Stephen and Donna Doan, William Noonan, Primoris Service Corporation, ARB Inc., Snelson Companies, Inc., and Dr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Lori Litow**, *Platinum Sponsors* **Union Bank, Cordoba Corporation, and Bob Nouri**, *Gold Sponsors* **Good Deeds Foundation, Ali C. Razi, and Mark Rothstein**, *Silver Sponsors* **Bank of America, Maria and Jerry Beckman, and Brian P. Bezner and Stephanie Bezner, Esq., Rising Realty Partners, WestLAND Group, Inc. and US Bank**.

Special guests for the evening include *Grammy and Emmy nominated singer, pianist, and music revivalist* **Michael Feinstein**, *Academy Award, Emmy, and Grammy winning documentary film maker* **James Moll**, *award winning filmmakers* **Mark and Gabi Hayes**, *television personality, print journalist, author and former Golden Heart recipient* **Mary Murphy**, *writer and producer* **Laura Hand**, *musicians* **Jason Federici and Jason Heath of Jason Heath & The Greedy Souls**, *musician* **Robbyn Kirmsse**, *composer, writer, and producer* **Billy Sullivan**, *actor/narrator* **Natasha Soudek**, *director, photographer, and cinematographer* **Devin Dillmore**, *songwriter, artist, and founder of Electric Moon* **Brent Nuffer**, and more.



The Golden Heart Award is presented annually to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment and compassion for those in our community who are less fortunate. The Golden Heart Awards Gala is our most high-profile event and a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to build a public partnership with The Midnight Mission. The Gala is attended by business, entertainment, and community leaders from throughout our region.

Past honorees include Smokey Robinson, Carrie Fisher, Tim Allen, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Chuck Lorre, Joe Bonamassa, Jason Sinay, Tom Petty, Richie Sambora, Dick and Arlene Van Dyke, Staples Center Foundation, Annenberg Foundation, Nestlé USA, Inc., Bank of America, and others.

Proceeds from the event support The Midnight Mission's program services, which include food and safe shelter, crisis and bridge housing, comprehensive addiction recovery, an education center, job training, and access to physical and mental health services for homeless individuals and families in Southern California. For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Hidemi Kurokawa at 213.553.2329, email [hkurokawa@midnightmission.org](mailto:hkurokawa@midnightmission.org), or visit <https://www.midnightmission.org/goldenheartawards/>.

**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 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](http://www.midnightmission.org).