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THE MIDNIGHT MISSION TO SERVE 2,500 PEOPLE IN SKID ROW ON THANKSGIVING

WHEN: Thursday, November 24, 2022, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

WHERE: TMM, 601 S. San Pedro Street, LA, CA 90014 (intersection of 6th Street & San Julian Street)

WHO: Thanks to *Volunteer Sponsor LA Chargers Sebastian Joseph-Day*, *Meal Sponsor Dylan Marer of Legendz Entertainment (Zepeda vs. Prograis) The Battle of the Best*, special assistance from **City Council District 14** and **County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District**, and with the help of our generous donors and volunteers, The Midnight Mission will be holding our annual Thanksgiving brunch.

Volunteers include musician/activist **Tom Morello**, actor **Amanda Peet**, filmmakers **Pedro Kos**, **Jon Shank**, and **Bonni Cohen**, actors **Mr. T** and **Florence Pugh**, musicians **David Blasucci**, **Cary Brothers**, **Jason Federici**, **Jason Heath**, **Jason Hemmens**, **Mike Seiker**, and **David Tokaji**, musician/producer **John Feldmann**, musician/Street Symphony founder/2018 MacArthur "Genius" Grant recipient **Vijay Gupta**, and many more. In addition, just two days ahead of their highly anticipated world championship boxing match, #1 ranked **Jose 'Chon' Zepeda**, and #2 ranked **Regis 'Rougarou' Prograis** will donate their time to serve Thanksgiving Day Brunch.

WHAT: We will close down 6th Street in front of TMM and serve a traditional holiday meal to nearly 2,500 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. We will also be distributing socks and hygiene kits to our guests.

Music will be provided by **Andy & Renee** and their band **Hard Rain** <https://andyandreene.com/>. There will also be a special performance by a **Street Symphony** 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.

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-transforming 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.