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The Midnight Mission's President & CEO G. Michael (Mike) Arnold Announces Retirement Search for New Chief Executive Officer Begins

After leading The Midnight Mission (TMM) for seven years, President and CEO G. Michael (Mike) Arnold announced he will retire in 2023. Arnold joined TMM in 2016, bringing a broad range of professional and business experience in human services and executive leadership. He served as the Chief Operating Officer and then Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) from 2007 to 2014. Prior to that, he held positions as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of several large healthcare organizations, including academic medical centers and research institutes. Mike was a CPA and spent much of his professional career in Big 8 (now Big 4) Public Accounting firms working in non-profit, medical, and academic settings. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Pacific Lutheran University with a degree in Business Administration. He has also served on a number of non-profit boards, including Totem Council Girl Scouts and West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

“Working with the incredible staff, volunteers, Board, and clients of The Midnight Mission has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life,” Arnold stated when asked about his work at TMM. “It’s been an incredible honor to have had the opportunity to lead TMM over the past seven years, working to help people overcome some of the most challenging issues of our time, substance use disorder and homelessness. Over the one hundred and nine-year history of the organization, tens of thousands of men, women, and children have had their lives changed for the better, leaving us sober, with jobs, self-confidence, and dignity, and with a place of their own to call home. While there is much left to do here in Los Angeles to alleviate the suffering we see daily on our streets, I am confident TMM is in good hands with our team of dedicated employees, volunteers, and Board Members to ensure it continues its life-changing work helping those who have the least among us.”

In addition to launching new programs, Arnold has made several other long-lasting imprints on the organization. From 2016 to 2021, under Arnold’s leadership, The Midnight Mission operated The Courtyard OC, a program funded by the County of Orange. The round-the-clock transitional center provided shelter to 425+ homeless individuals each night and was utilized as a drop-in center serving an estimated 400-700 homeless guests during the day seeking a safe place, service connections, hygiene services, showers and restrooms, meals, and a place to rest.

With Arnold at the helm, TMM opened our Crisis and Bridge Housing Programs for men and women in 2017 to support the expansion of services to the rising number of people experiencing homelessness. The Women’s Program was the first and largest of its kind in Skid Row. The programs include on-site medical and mental



health care, temporary housing, meals, case management and service triage, access to our on-site school, computer learning center, job and career counselor, and connections with housing resources to quickly end their episode of homelessness.

In 2020, Arnold led the organization through the unprecedented Covid 19 pandemic. Under his leadership, TMM began safety protocols in advance of mandates, prioritizing the safety of our staff, participants and homeless guests which resulting in preventing severe illness and death at the organization.

TMM Board Chairman R. Stephen Doan remarked, “Mike has been our CEO for more than seven years, growing our emergency shelter services during a time of a massive increase in need, while maintaining a sound financial base during COVID-19. We will miss him!”

The Board of Directors has launched a comprehensive search for Arnold’s successor. The search committee, comprised of TMM board members, will work side-by-side with leading executive search firm Morris & Berger to select a new CEO and ensure a smooth transition of leadership for the organization that has only had five leaders in its 109-year history. The position brochure can be viewed [here](#) and the link to apply can be accessed [here](#).

About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers a path to self-sufficiency to individuals and families who have lost everything. Our emergency services, 12-step philosophy, job training, education and work programs offer a compassionate bridge to productive lives. In addition, we have a family living facility, which is located in a residential setting and provides families with childcare, advocacy, parenting classes, tutoring programs, and fiscal management. Through our services, we help remove obstacles to self-sufficiency and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to rejoin their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit www.midnightmission.org.