



The **MIDNIGHT JOURNEY**

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A shining example of a life renewed!

Like many of those who work with folks in need here at The Midnight Mission, Andrew knows firsthand what it's like to lose everyone and everything that gives meaning to your life.

Read more of Andrew's amazing story inside and celebrate the changes you have helped make possible in his life and the lives of so many others!

Just for you...

- Share the joy!
- "A different way of life"
- Join us this Easter!

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Share the joy!

There is no celebration that's more relevant to people who are homeless, hungry or in need than Easter.

Suffering turned to hope. Lives renewed. Despair turned to joy.

It's an ideal time to let our homeless neighbors know that they are not forgotten. A time when together we can make a big difference in the lives of men, women and children in Skid Row by offering them hope for a better future.

Here are four ways you can share the joy this Easter:

- **Remember those we serve in your thoughts and prayers.**
- **Volunteer at TMM.**
- **Donate food.**
- **Make a donation today to fill plates with food and hearts with joy.**

Today is the day to share hope and joy with individuals and families through your thoughts and prayers, your service and your generous support.

May the blessings and joy of Easter fill your heart and your home!

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

G. Michael Arnold
President & CEO
The Midnight Mission

"A different way of life"

Andrew had never heard of a place like The Midnight Mission.

But after living on the streets for months, lonely, scraping to survive, no longer feeling like a real human being, he took a friend's advice, came in for a meal and discovered a safe path to recovery in the heart of Skid Row.

At first, Andrew was overwhelmed and afraid of the unknown, but he was willing to do whatever was suggested. He worked with a recovery advocate and was eventually reacquainted with his family, something he thought would never happen.

Most people don't realize how difficult it is to overcome an addiction – whether it be to drugs or alcohol. Like many others before him, Andrew relapsed.

At five months of recovery, Andrew's cunning, baffling and powerful disease told him he could have a drink. Instead of giving him the relief he'd felt while drinking in the past, he saw how much he wanted a different way of life.

"A shining example of honesty and openness."

Knowing full well the consequences of his action but wanting to live his new life with rigorous honesty, Andrew confessed his relapse and was filled with gratitude when he experienced compassion and companionship instead of judgment. Because Andrew did what was right, he was able to stay and graduate from TMM's 12-step recovery program.

It was while he was still in the program that Andrew discovered a new purpose for his life: Helping others! Working in the education department, he helped men with limited schooling create their resumes. After graduation, Andrew returned to TMM to share his experience, strength and hope with those still in the program.

Five years ago, Andrew began his career at The Midnight Mission as the Community Events Coordinator. After just two years, he was promoted to Volunteer Manager where he shares his personal success story through the services at TMM. Andrew is a shining example of the fruit of honesty, openness and willingness.

Thank you for helping Andrew start a new life through your partnership!



Easter and Passover Street Fair

The Midnight Mission's annual Easter and Passover Street Fair will be held on Sunday, April 9th, 10am to 1pm as we celebrate Easter and Passover for thousands of homeless men, women, and children in Skid Row. The street festival includes a holiday meal and live entertainment, with a special appearance from the Easter Bunny.



For sponsorship opportunities contact Hidemi Kurokawa at (213) 553-2329 or HKurokawa@MidnightMission.org.



HomeLight Family Living's 26th Anniversary Mother's Day Outdoor Luncheon

Sunday, May 7th | 11am – 1pm
Los Angeles Airport Marriott

Because of the increase in homeless families, The Midnight Mission established its Family Living Program in 1995. The HomeLight Family Living Program consists of 13 renovated, fully furnished apartments.

HomeLight Family Living is more than just a safe residence for families shattered by abuse, addiction, poverty, and hopelessness. It is a comprehensive path to becoming healthy, happy, and self-sufficient. Victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and those dealing with issues of sobriety and other unthinkable circumstances find solace at HomeLight and are restored to independent, successful lives.

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HOPE is on the menu this Easter.

\$1.75 provides a meal and care for one.

\$7 provides meals and care for a family of four.

Mail your gift today or donate online at MidnightMission.org.

THANK YOU!



SAVE THE DATE Smokey Robinson Invitational Golf Tournament Monday, June 12th Calabasas Country Club

The tournament will be followed by a cocktail reception, raffles with fantastic prizes, entertainment and an award dinner. The funds raised by the tournament will support The Midnight Mission's life-saving and life-changing services that help homeless individuals and families turn their lives around.

Leaving a Legacy



For 109 years, generous donors like you have made a difference in the lives of countless numbers of individuals and families through your support for The Midnight Mission.

If you'd like to extend your compassion well into the future – and enjoy certain tax savings at the same time – then please consider giving to TMM through your will or other estate plans. Doing so is a flexible and effective way to leave a legacy of care.

For more information, please contact Christopher Doyle at (213) 553-2327 or at CDoyle@MidnightMission.org.

And if you've already included The Midnight Mission in your estate plans, please let us know so we can properly acknowledge your generosity.



Thanks to you...

Hundreds of meals are served to hungry individuals and families every day.

Men, women and children have access to emergency services, including meals, showers, safe shelter and outreach for unsheltered individuals.

Individuals are provided with new beginnings through transitional housing, education and job readiness programs.

Thanks to you, homeless neighbors who need help now more than ever are finding it at The Midnight Mission.

Scan to donate today!



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Here's my Easter gift to fill plates with food and hearts with joy!

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

☐ Bill my credit card ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐ DISCOVER

☐ Make this a monthly gift

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

Phone # _____ Email _____

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