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Historic First: The Midnight Mission to Open Skid Row's Only Women's 12-Step Recovery Center

LOS ANGELES — The Midnight Mission is proud to announce the grand opening of the Clare E. Women's Recovery Center, the *first and only* 12-step recovery program dedicated solely to women in Skid Row. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 2:00 PM at The Midnight Mission.

For decades, Skid Row has lacked a long-term 12-step recovery program tailored specifically for women. The Clare E. Women's Recovery Center fills that void with private rooms, wraparound services, and trauma-informed care, all provided *by women, for women*. This marks a historic shift in how Los Angeles responds to the needs of unhoused women and survivors of addiction and abuse.

"This is a historic moment for Skid Row," said David Prentice, President & CEO of The Midnight Mission. "For the first time, women here have a dedicated space to heal - built by women, for women - with the dignity, safety, and support they deserve. Recovery is not just about sobriety; it's about restoring hope, rebuilding identity and creating a future that once felt out of reach."

The event will feature powerful voices from women in Los Angeles leadership and public policy:

- Hydee Feldstein Soto, Los Angeles City Attorney – The 43rd Los Angeles City Attorney, the first female City Attorney in LA history, and the first Latina elected citywide
- Nella McOsker, President & CEO, Central City Association – A leader driving economic revitalization through compassionate solutions
- Estela Lopez, Executive Director, Downtown Industrial BID – A seasoned expert in Skid Row's evolution and public safety
- Jan Perry, Executive Director, Shelter Partnership – Longtime advocate for women and families facing housing instability

Other special guests include:

- Street Symphony Chamber Singers - Michele Hemmings, Karen Hogle Brown, Tamara Bevard and Harriet Fraser
- Suzette Shaw, Poetess - Skid Row from A Woman's Perspective

Guests are asked to RSVP to Director of Advancement Valerie Lord at vlord@midnightmission.org and media are asked to RSVP to Chief Communications Officer Georgia Berkovich at gberkovich@midnightmission.org by July 22, 2025.



Visuals include ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours of the new women’s recovery center, and interviews with speakers and recovery advocates.

DONATIONS WELCOME: Donations to support ongoing services at the Clare E. Women’s Recovery Center are gratefully accepted at www.midnightmission.org. Every gift helps a woman reclaim her life.

About The Midnight Mission: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness regain self-sufficiency through emergency services, 12-step recovery, education, workforce development, and transitional housing. Our programs offer structure, accountability, and hope to those seeking a new path forward. Learn more at www.midnightmission.org.