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THE MIDNIGHT MISSION
ANNUAL REPORT FY25



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The
Midnight
Mission

Dear Friends and Supporters,

With more than 72,000 people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles, it is easy to wonder: is the problem too big to solve? Can one person really make a difference?

The answer is, yes. The challenges are immense, but when you focus on one life at a time, change becomes possible. It is what we do every day at The Midnight Mission. And it is what you do through your compassion, generosity, and belief in a brighter future for our neighbors in need.

This Annual Report demonstrates the profound impact of your support: from expanded recovery services and new housing solutions to creative community partnerships. Together, we are proving that meaningful change happens person by person, moment by moment.

In FY24–25, we laid a strong foundation. We reconstructed our 3rd floor to open the first 12-step women’s recovery program in Skid Row. We launched an on-site Head Start childcare center at HomeLight, operated by Venice Family Clinic. We hosted milestone events—a gala, large-scale holiday celebrations serving thousands of meals, a Santa’s Workshop toy giveaway, and even a one-of-a-kind benefit concert—all of which strengthened both our mission and our community.

And while The Midnight Mission cannot end homelessness in Los Angeles overnight, we can—and do—transform lives every single day.

Looking ahead, FY25–26 will be a year of operational excellence. We will build on the foundation we’ve established by being resourceful with every dollar, a strong and reliable partner to our community, and adaptive to the ever-changing needs of those we serve. So I invite you to keep believing in change. Keep showing up. Keep lending your compassion, your voice, and your support.

Together, we can create a Los Angeles where every neighbor has a place to call home.

With gratitude,

David L. Prentice
President & CEO
The Midnight Mission



President & CEO David Prentice serving dessert to homeless neighbors on Easter.

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About The Midnight Mission

Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission is the oldest continuously operating human services organization in Los Angeles. What began as a simple act of compassion—serving soup to those on the streets—has grown into a comprehensive organization providing housing, recovery, education, and workforce development for individuals experiencing homelessness. Located in the heart of Skid Row, we remain a vital resource, known for our efficient, accountable, and transformative services.

Our approach is trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, and outcomes-driven, ensuring individuals gain the tools to rebuild their lives and achieve long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

Our Core Values

- **Empathy and Respect:** Our work is grounded in compassion, where every individual is treated with dignity.
- **Commitment to Recovery:** As one of the first providers of 12-step addiction treatment on Skid Row, we help individuals overcome addiction.
- **Resilience Through Independence:** We empower individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and lasting stability.
- **Community and Belonging:** We foster relationships that support growth and mutual respect.
- **Accountability and Excellence:** We are committed to transparent, outcome-driven operations.

Impact Statistics for FY24-25



929,945
MEALS
SERVED



50,568
SHELTER BEDS



28,444
12-STEP RECOVERY
MEETINGS ATTENDED



33,929
VOLUNTEER HOURS
CONTRIBUTED



213,710
HYGIENE CENTER
VISITS



25
FAMILIES SERVED AT
HOMELIGHT

Healthy Living Recovery Program

The Midnight Mission's Recovery Program provides 84 beds for men committed to building a new life in sobriety. It is designed as a year-long program, with participants currently averaging a six-month stay. The longer individuals remain engaged, the greater their success rate, proof that time and stability are essential in recovery.

At the heart of the program is strong case management. Each participant is paired with an advocate who helps them set personalized goals and navigate the challenges of rebuilding their lives. For some, this means bridging family relationships, regaining visitation rights with their children, or rebuilding credit. Others may work toward expunging their criminal records, securing a driver's license, enrolling in healthcare for the first time, or meeting court-ordered requirements that allow them to avoid prison.

The program is holistic, combining counseling, 12-step meetings, work therapy, and wellness activities that strengthen body and spirit. While the range of outcomes is vast—because recovery is deeply personal—the throughline is transformation.

As of August 2025, The Midnight Mission proudly launched the Women's Recovery Program—the only 12-step recovery program on Skid Row designed for women and run by women. Modeled on the strength of our long-standing Men's Healthy Living Program, it is fully customized to meet the unique needs of women seeking lasting recovery.



In September of 2024, twenty-eight residents graduated from the Men's Healthy Living Recovery Program, honored in the presence of their families, alumni, and community.



A generous gift from Jim Ellinger, given in honor of his wife Clare, initiated the reconstruction of the third floor to create the first 12-step Women's Recovery Center in Skid Row, which officially opened in August 2025.



Kyle once made candy at Disneyland, but addiction cost him his job, his home, and a decade of his life. He hid his homelessness, living in tents along the riverbeds, ashamed of what he'd become.

On Halloween night 2023, Kyle overdosed on fentanyl. Scared and uncertain, he went to his father's house — expecting rejection. Instead, his father welcomed him home and urged him to get help.

Kyle found The Midnight Mission's Recovery Program, where he learned that his struggles went deeper than drugs. Through counseling, classes, and positive passions like guitar and participation in the Midnight Strings workshop, he built the tools essential to his sobriety.

Today, Kyle is a proud graduate, a recovery advocate at The Midnight Mission, and lives in his own apartment.

"When you ask for help, you can grow. You can change your life." -Kyle



Emergency Services

On Skid Row, survival begins with the basics. At The Midnight Mission, we welcome our neighbors with warm meals, fresh clothing, and the everyday essentials that restore dignity. Sharing food, gathering on holidays, or sitting together in our dining hall—these moments of care are often the first step toward trust, connection, and hope.

Beyond nourishment, guests can visit our on-site clinic for medical, dental, and mental health care, pick up their mail, or receive a haircut in our barbershop. Fresh clothes are brought to the courtyard every day. Our 24/7 Hygiene Center provides showers, laundry, restrooms, and clean drinking water at any hour.

This past year reminded us how fragile stability can be. When devastating California wildfires displaced families overnight, we converted our gym into an emergency shelter, providing meals, clothing, and case management to help people find their footing again.

Through all of these services, we are building trust day by day. And when someone is finally ready to take the step out of Skid Row, they know they can turn to The Midnight Mission as a place of safety, guidance, and hope.

Ken's Story

"I walked into The Midnight Mission just looking for a shower and clean clothes. I didn't expect anything more. But they saw me — really saw me — and treated me with dignity. That gave me hope again. It made me want to get back on my feet and come back to help others find that same hope. I found more than help at The Midnight Mission. I found hope."



The Midnight Mission's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration welcomed 321 volunteers who served a traditional holiday meal to more than 2,500 community members. Celebrity supporters joined us for this important tradition.



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, alongside David Prentice, served Thanksgiving dinner to our community with their children.



A donation of new washing machines and dryers from Whirlpool Corp., as well as supplies from Tide, provided an essential upgrade to The Midnight Mission's on-site laundry services.

HomeLight Family Living Program

For 30 years, HomeLight has been a place of home, hope, and healing for families overcoming homelessness, violence, and poverty. It is the only program of its kind in Los Angeles, offering parents stability and support to rebuild their lives while giving children the security of a safe and nurturing home.

During this past year, 27 adults and 36 children found refuge at HomeLight. We opened an on-site Early Head Start childcare center in partnership with Venice Family Clinic and also began a long-term commitment to upgrade and modernize our facilities, enabling HomeLight to continue to meet the evolving needs of families for decades to come.

The annual Mother's Day event was transformed into a 30th anniversary celebration joined by city leaders, partners, and loyal supporters, who shared powerful stories of strength and resilience.

95%	of families exited to stable housing
100%	reported feeling healthier, stronger, and more hopeful
95%	of adults secured full-time jobs
7	families reunited; DCFS cases closed
\$53,485	saved by HomeLight families



Scan the QR code to hear the transformation stories of our HomeLight Family Living families.



HomeLight kids carved pumpkins with volunteers from LA Works, a partner that facilitates weekly tutoring and recreational activities.



Supporters sponsored families for the holidays, fulfilling their wishlists and joining them for a holiday celebration.



Scan the QR code to watch Flip4Good's installation video

Our partner, Flip4Good, gave this family's apartment a renovation with trauma-informed interior design.



Wild Zone, our kids' band, recorded at Capo Studio as part of a program run by the Electric Moon Foundation.

Interim Housing

The Midnight Mission's Interim Housing program offers safety, stability, and care for those experiencing homelessness in the heart of Skid Row. With 48 beds for women and 140 beds for men, we offer a low-barrier program to support anyone ready for a change.

We also open our cafeteria and courtyard for "safe sleep" every night, giving individuals a secure alternative to the dangers of the streets. In the winter, heaters provide warmth; in the summer, fans bring relief. Rooted in Harm Reduction, Housing First, and Trauma-Informed Care, Interim Housing is the first step toward stability.



Jacqueline's Story

After 18 months of homelessness on a subway train, Jacqueline found stability at The Midnight Mission Women's Shelter. She joined the Skid Row Running Club, discovered her voice in Street Symphony's Midnight Strings, and even wrote her biography, *Chaos*. Today, she has her own apartment and lives independently with confidence.

Education & Workforce Development

The Education Center at The Midnight Mission is more than a room with books and computers—it is a hub of learning, creativity, and possibility. Here, participants can strengthen old skills, discover new ones, and build the confidence that comes from personal growth. Classes range from financial literacy and computer training to GED preparation, resume building, reading, writing, art, design, and music. Each lesson offers not only practical knowledge but also the chance to imagine a different future.

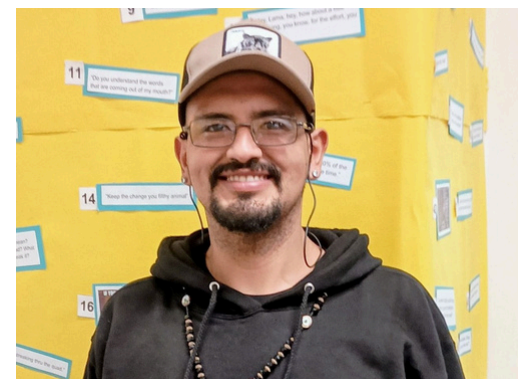
Our Work Rotation Program provides hands-on training across different departments of The Midnight Mission. This initiative develops practical job skills, workplace experience, and confidence to reenter the workforce. The foundation is in place to ensure that we are not simply serving a momentary need but creating a path to sustainable success in the lives of our residents.



Students are taking a communication class in The Midnight Mission's Education Center.



The Art of Elysium hosted an on-site art show, featuring the incredible creativity of our community through art, music, and spoken word.



Rigo, onw of our participants, is studying for his GED at the Education Center.

Fundraising Events: Fueling Change

From concerts and golf tournaments to holiday celebrations and midnight walks, our fundraising events are about more than raising dollars — they are about raising hope. Each gathering connects generous supporters, passionate volunteers, and resilient program participants in moments of joy and solidarity. Together, these events transform into meals served, beds filled, and lives rebuilt.



Golden Heart Awards

On September 7, we celebrated 110 years at The Majestic Downtown—honoring The Midnight Mission's legacy and our partners transforming lives on Skid Row.



Los Angeles Turkey Trot

The Midnight Mission was the beneficiary of the Los Angeles Turkey Trot presented by UAE-USA United. The fun-filled race featured a dog walk and giveaways.



20th Anniversary Garden State Concert

Zach Braff & Cary Brothers hosted an incredible, one-of-a-kind event at the Greek Theater in honor of the 20th Anniversary of Garden State—all in support of The Midnight Mission.



The Midnight Walk

Board member Ari Wintraub leads a team on a midnight walk to raise funds and awareness for The Midnight Mission.



Homelight Family Living Mother's Day Celebration

This year's Mother's Day event celebrated 30 years of Home, Hope & Healing, joined by 200+ partners and generous supporters.



Fore The Mission Annual Golf Tournament Presented by Tim Allen

Fore The Midnight Mission Annual Golf Tournament—presented by Tim Allen—was an exciting day of golf, generosity, and community.



Financial Snapshot: Every Dollar Makes An Impact

At The Midnight Mission, we steward every contribution with transparency and care. In FY25, your generosity allowed us to invest directly in programs that feed, shelter, educate, and empower our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

FY24-25 Statement of Activities

Revenue

Advancement	\$6,246,341
Government Grants	\$4,926,080
Gift-in-Kind	\$2,418,955
Other	\$245,704
Operating Support from Investment Revenue (4%)	\$522,000

Total Operating Revenue before Depreciation **\$14,359,079**

Expense

Personnel	\$9,441,892
Gift-in-Kind	\$2,418,955
Client Aid	\$134,827
Facilities	\$1,316,839
Food	\$501,380
Insurance	\$458,891
Professional Fees	\$398,482
Communications & Marketing	\$1,051,821
Other Program & Administrative	\$1,265,249

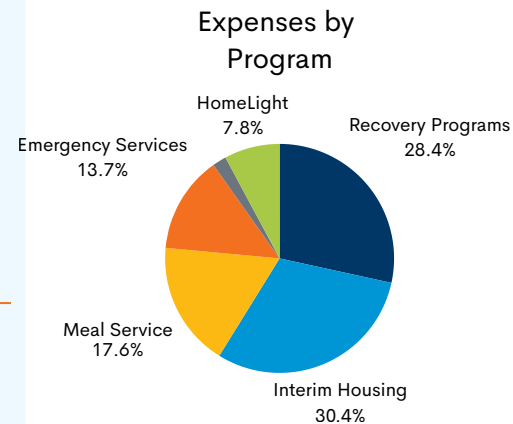
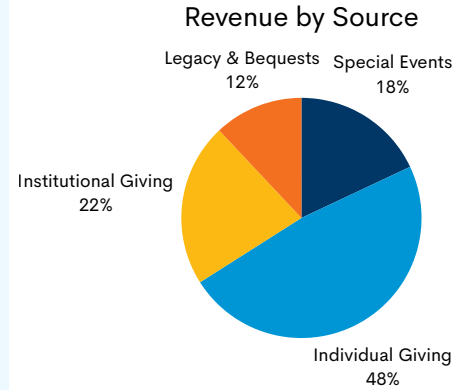
Total Operating Expenses before Depreciation **\$16,888,335**

Non-Operating Income

Depreciation	(\$931,076)
Net Investment Income	\$4,045,089
Other	(\$268,667)

Total Non-Operating Income **\$2,845,346**

Total Surplus **\$316,091**



Note: Government funds are earmarked for the Interim Housing program and Healthy Streets program (hygiene & courtyard services) only. These funds cover 50% of the full cost to operate these programs.

Thomas' Story

When Thomas came to Los Angeles, he was searching for safety and hope, but he found himself without a home.

At The Midnight Mission, he committed to recovery, built new skills, and through our Workforce Development team and Chrysalis, secured a full-time job.

After a year and a half of dedication, he received the keys to his own apartment, thanking our staff for their respect and encouragement.

Because of you, Thomas is thriving.



Jane (name changed for safety) and her son are smiling because of the stability they found at HomeLight Family Living.



Inspired by his younger brother Peter's sobriety at The Midnight Mission, Paul chose to begin his own recovery journey with us.



Friends Who Make Hope Possible

Every day, volunteers dedicate their time and resources to help The Midnight Mission. From serving in the kitchen and delivering meals to supporting seasonal celebrations, annual events, and fundraising activities, their impact is felt across every part of our work. This powerful and dedicated group is the backbone of our commitment to those experiencing homelessness.

With gratitude, we recognize the donors whose faithful support allows us to carry forward our mission. Their generosity ensures that The Midnight Mission remains a place of refuge, healing, and second chances.



Volunteers gave **33,929 hours of service** — equivalent to **16 full-time staff members**.



Scan the QR code to see a featured list of supporters, updated every quarter.



The Shein volunteer team brings care and compassion to Skid Row.



Volunteers from Amwins serve hope with every meal.



Keller Williams volunteers created a place of dignity and home.



The Midnight Mission's Board of Directors cut the ribbon for the Clare E. Women's Recovery Center.

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Make a tax-deductible gift, donate stock, or add The Midnight Mission to your planned giving.



Volunteer

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