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CELEBRATING TRANSFORMATION, FREEDOM, AND SISTERHOOD AT DTLA ART NIGHT

Downtown Los Angeles, CA - Join us on Thursday, June 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 500 S. Main Street in Downtown Los Angeles for an inspiring evening of art, storytelling, music, and community as The Midnight Mission partners with DTLA Art Night to present an exhibition created by women in recovery.

This special event showcases original works created by participants in The Midnight Mission's Women's Recovery Center, home to the first and only trauma-informed, 12-step recovery program for women on Skid Row. Through painting, fashion, planting, spoken word, music, and collaborative installations, the women have spent the past several weeks exploring themes of transformation, freedom, and sisterhood. More than an art exhibition, the evening offers an opportunity to experience the creativity, resilience, and humanity that emerge when women are given the space to heal, express themselves, and be seen.

Art as a Pathway to Healing - For many of the participating artists, this experience marks the first time they have publicly shared their creative work. The exhibition reflects personal journeys of recovery and self-discovery while celebrating the power of community, belonging, and hope.

Guests will move through immersive artistic experiences created entirely by the women, including visual art installations, live music, spoken word performances, interactive activities, and a collaborative community art piece that invites attendees to contribute their own reflections on transformation and hope. As one participant shared during a recent art session, *"This is the best day ever."* What began as a simple creative exercise quickly became something much larger: an opportunity to build confidence, foster self-expression, strengthen connections, and experience the freedom that comes with recovery.

"At The Midnight Mission, we believe art and music are to the soul what food is to the body," said Georgia Hawley, Chief Communications Officer of The Midnight Mission. "They nourish, heal, and connect us. Art is a great equalizer. It brings together people from different backgrounds and experiences in a way few things can. Through creativity, we find common ground, build community, and see one another's humanity. That's exactly what DTLA Art Night is about."

Special Supporter Dinner Hosted by Wood Spoon - Before the public exhibition opens, supporters are invited to an intimate dinner experience hosted by acclaimed Downtown Los Angeles restaurant Wood Spoon. From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., guests will gather for a family-style meal inspired by the themes of community, creativity, and connection that define the evening's exhibition. The dinner offers an opportunity to meet Midnight Mission



leadership, learn about the creative journey behind the project, and hear firsthand how art, recovery, and sisterhood are helping women rebuild their lives.

Proceeds and contributions from the evening will support The Midnight Mission's recovery, housing, and supportive service programs for women experiencing homelessness. Space is limited. Guests interested in attending the supporter dinner should contact Tiffany Tedesco at ttedesco@midnightmission.org for reservations and sponsorship opportunities.

A Community Collaboration - DTLA Art Night was created to celebrate the artists, organizations, and stories that make Downtown Los Angeles a vibrant and diverse community. This partnership between The Midnight Mission and the Historic Core Business Improvement District highlights the importance of ensuring that all voices are represented in the cultural life of our city, including those whose stories are too often overlooked. The evening will feature live performances by participants and community musicians, opportunities to meet the artists, and interactive experiences designed to foster conversation, understanding, and connection among Downtown residents, visitors, and members of The Midnight Mission community.

A Call to Action - For more than 112 years, The Midnight Mission has helped people experiencing homelessness rebuild their lives through emergency services, recovery programs, education, workforce development, and housing support. DTLA Art Night demonstrates that recovery is about more than meeting basic needs. It is about creating opportunities for people to rediscover their voices, reclaim their identities, and share their gifts with the community. Guests will have opportunities to learn more about volunteering, touring The Midnight Mission, supporting recovery programs, and becoming part of the movement to create lasting change in Los Angeles. Together, we will celebrate the power of creativity, community, and recovery while building a more connected and compassionate Downtown Los Angeles.

For more information, contact Tiffany Tedesco at ttedesco@midnightmission.org.

About The Midnight Mission - Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission has been a steadfast force in helping people experiencing homelessness reclaim their lives. Through emergency services, 12-step recovery, education, job training, family housing, and comprehensive support services, The Midnight Mission offers a path to self-sufficiency and lasting transformation. www.midnightmission.org

About DTLA Art Night - DTLA Art Night is a community-driven initiative celebrating creativity, culture, and connection throughout Downtown Los Angeles. Through exhibitions, performances, and collaborative experiences, DTLA Art Night brings together artists, residents, businesses, and community organizations while highlighting the diverse voices that shape the city's cultural landscape.