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THE MIDNIGHT MISSION BRINGS HOPE & A THANKSGIVING FEAST TO 2,000 PEOPLE IN SKID ROW
More than 200 volunteers will come together to provide a holiday meal, music and fellowship

LOS ANGELES – On Thanksgiving Day, The Midnight Mission will once again transform 6th Street in the heart of Skid Row into a celebration of community, compassion, and gratitude, welcoming nearly 2,000 individuals and families for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. On Thursday, November 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., more than 200 volunteers will come together to serve a freshly prepared holiday meal, share in the festivities, and remind our neighbors experiencing homelessness and financial hardship that they are not forgotten.

Guests will enjoy traditional Thanksgiving dishes, live music from **Skypark Ghetto**, and an opportunity to celebrate the holiday together in a welcoming outdoor setting. The Midnight Mission is grateful for the support of **Councilmember Ysabel Jurado's office (CD14)**, along with the many community partners, donors, and volunteers whose generosity makes this annual tradition possible.

Special guests expected to join the celebration include musician/activist and longtime MM supporter **Tom Morello**; actors **Rainn Wilson, Amanda Peet, Sarah Paulson** and **Kelly Thiebaud**; Assemblymember **Sade Elhawary**; musician/producer and 2027 Golden Heart honoree **Cary Brothers**; founder/artistic director of Street Symphony and former Golden Heart honoree **Vijay Gupta**; and musician and former Golden Heart Award recipient **Judd Abrams**. Their participation reflects the extraordinary community of artists, civic leaders, and supporters who come together to make Thanksgiving at The Midnight Mission a special occasion for our neighbors in Skid Row.

"For many of our guests, this may be the only holiday meal they share this season," said David Prentice, President and CEO of The Midnight Mission. *"Thanksgiving is about more than providing a meal. It's about creating a place where people feel welcome, respected, and connected. Everyone deserves to experience the warmth and dignity of being part of a community." "One of the things I love most about Thanksgiving at The Midnight Mission is seeing people from all walks of life come together,"* said Georgia Hawley, Chief Communications Officer. *"For a few hours, the labels and divisions that so often separate us disappear. We're simply neighbors sharing a meal, enjoying music, and celebrating together. It's a beautiful reminder of our shared humanity."*

Since 1914, The Midnight Mission has served individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. While Thanksgiving is one of its most visible community celebrations, the organization provides meals, shelter, recovery services, and pathways toward stability and self-sufficiency every day of the year.

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT:	The Midnight Mission's Annual Thanksgiving Celebration
WHEN:	Thursday, November 26, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
WHERE:	The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014
WHO:	Nearly 2,000 guests and more than 200 volunteers
ENTERTAINMENT:	Live music by Skypark Ghetto
VISUALS:	Individuals and families experiencing homelessness and financial hardship, gathering with hundreds of volunteers for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Colorful outdoor dining scenes, live musical performances, volunteers serving holiday meals, special guests interacting with the community, and a festive celebration of compassion and connection in the heart of Skid Row.

ABOUT THE MIDNIGHT MISSION: Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission provides hope and pathways to self-sufficiency for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. Through our comprehensive programs, including nutritious meals, emergency services, interim housing, 12-step recovery, family living, education, and workforce development, we help individuals rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose. As one of Los Angeles' oldest continuously operating human service organizations, we remain committed to serving those in need with compassion, respect, and opportunity. For more information, visit www.midnightmission.org.