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This has been a tough year for many here in Los Angeles, especially men, women and children who are homeless and near-homeless. Your donation of food will help feed them during the holidays.

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Well done, good and faithful servant...

"A great man has been called to his place in God's kingdom. Everywhere I traveled and spoke of The Midnight Mission, Clancy's name would immediately become the subject. He was a man who had more impact on humanity than anyone I ever had

the privilege to know. God, thank you for allowing me the privilege to have shared the leadership of The Midnight Mission with him. Until we meet again, my brother, until we meet again. Rest in Peace."

Larry Adamson,
TMM Board Member/former President & CEO

Just for you...

- Clancy 46 years at The Midnight Mission
- Clancy's legacy lives on
- Holidays at the Mission

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"Clancy has been part of The Midnight Mission family for almost 50 years and has a special place in our lives, and our hearts. He was my mentor, my advocate, my fellow Norwegian, who always understood and loved my Olli and Olaf jokes, and a kindred spirit in his desire to help people live better lives than they ever imagined for themselves. We can and should celebrate that we had the opportunity to spend so much time with this man whose presence was always larger than life, and recognize that we may never meet anyone who has left a bigger footprint on not only The Midnight Mission but the world at large than our friend, Clancy."

G. Michael Arnold
President & CEO
The Midnight Mission



Clancy Imislund
7/9/27-8/24/20

Once kicked out for fighting, Clancy returned to run The Midnight Mission for 46 years!

Managing Director of The Midnight Mission since 1974, Clancy Imislund worked relentlessly, helping disenfranchised men and women on Skid Row find a pathway to self-sufficiency.

But where Clancy's life ended was a far cry from where it began.

Born in Wisconsin in 1927, he left home at 15 to join the Merchant Marines, spent his 16th birthday in Pearl Harbor, and joined the US Navy at 17.

Clancy began drinking with other veterans because "it was the thing to do," and alcohol slowly took control of his life. After a 15-year downhill battle, he found himself alone and penniless on Skid Row.

When Clancy was thrown out of The Midnight on October 31, 1958, after a brief scuffle, no one dreamed that one day he

would return to become the organization's leader.

Finally willing to do whatever it might take to get his life back, he began his recovery by walking 71 blocks in the rain to an alcoholic rehabilitation center on Wilshire and Fairfax, where he began his journey on the road to recovery.

After five years of sobriety and laborious progress on his part, his wife and family reunited. He made his way back into the work world in local radio and began working with alcoholics and speaking to civic groups about alcoholism and rehabilitation.

Clancy was responsible for bringing the 12-step philosophy to The Midnight Mission, establishing the organization as one of the first providers of addiction treatment on Skid Row, earning him the title, "The King of Skid Row."

Leading The Midnight through the many dramatic changes which have occurred on Skid Row over the last five decades, Clancy had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of men, women and children who have come through our doors.

The Midnight Mission supporter, friend and, activist Ed Begley, Jr. describes Clancy and his impact: "Clancy Imislund was the Jonas Salk of recovery. The millions of people he touched around the world will never be the same."

To carry on his legacy, Clancy leaves his five children, fifteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and thousands of friends who considered him their teacher and mentor. He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte, and his son.

He found his passion in helping others get their lives back.

Clancy's legacy lives on in those whose lives he touched.

Logan Hobson had hit bottom for the fifteenth time when he walked through the doors of The Midnight Mission. He was 58 years old, and this was his last hope.

It was a far cry from where he had been. Logan had been a sportswriter in New York. For nearly 20 years, Logan worked with HBO Sports and ESPN on their boxing telecasts. He was also a sportswriter with United Press International.

But the most significant challenge he ever faced was to get and stay sober. He tried 20 detoxes and treatment centers and sober living houses until even they would no longer take him. A mentor let Logan sleep on his couch with a promise to take him to The Midnight Mission at 6 a.m. the following morning.

After being at TMM a couple of weeks, Logan made an appointment to meet with Clancy. He told Clancy he didn't know if he wanted to be sober. Clancy told him he was honored to have a no-good bum with them at TMM, then Clancy smiled and told him he knew exactly how he felt!

"No one else could have gotten me through this."

Clancy drilled it into Logan's head to keep recovery first. "You will lose everything you put before recovery," he remembers him saying. Logan believes it was divine intervention that brought him to The Midnight Mission and into the life of a person who really understood alcoholism.

Before the pandemic, Logan, a comedian, was performing



regularly at the Comedy Store, hosting TMM's Laughter With a Mission Open Mic and bringing guest comedians to perform for our guests. For the last five years, he has been playing the Easter Bunny at TMM's Easter celebration.

Today, he works as a property manager and as a manager of a sober living house. He has a life he never dreamed would be possible. He owes it all to Clancy, The Midnight Mission, and his recovery support group.



His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Matthew 25:23