

Paul's Story

Paul A. Castillo entered The Midnight Mission on June 16, 2019. At that time, he was trying to find a job while living on the streets and struggling with a drinking problem. Finding himself in a state of desperation, he knew he could get help to overcome his addiction and homelessness at The Midnight Mission.

Paul was excited to participate in TMM's programs and get on a path to self-sufficiency. When he faces difficulties today, his heart reminds him that he came here to get help. He doesn't want to end up back on the streets. He stays motivated by watching others. He sees how people needlessly suffer when they don't utilize the tools you provide for them in the program. Paul is dedicated to staying at The Midnight Mission, so he may use his experience to help others. Paul realized TMM's program was working for him when he stopped agonizing about minor things and began to see criticism as constructive suggestions for his improvement instead of judgment.

Paul is accommodating, hard-working, and reliable. While at The Midnight Mission, he was given the opportunity to work and enhance his resume. By working at TMM, he has learned how to handle responsibility, work with others, and not allow his frustrations get the best of him. He has excelled in his work therapy position in TMM's Transportation Department with his excellent work ethic and positive attitude. He is thankful for the opportunities you've helped make possible and admires his supervisor Darryl because he knows he can go to him with any challenges he may face.

Paul is saving the money he earns and is looking forward to obtaining housing and moving on to the next steps in his recovery. He is continuing to do the next right thing to create a better life for himself. He would like to tell anyone new to the program to have a plan and not just sit around. Paul says to take advantage of all the opportunities that TMM offers.



GIVING HOPE

2020 IMPACT REPORT

Our Mission

To offer a bridge to self-sufficiency for people experiencing homelessness through recovery services, counseling, education, training, workforce development, and continued care services. To make available the necessities of life to people experiencing homelessness: food, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene needs, and medical care. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us.

Please call us at **213.624.4106** or visit our website at **www.midnightmission.org** to find out how you can help.



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Life Changing Programs and Services

Recovery

Our Comprehensive Recovery Program not only helps end the cycle of homelessness, it improves the quality of life for anyone who comes through our doors. Our staff actively engages with participants to motivate and sustain change. With strong educational, vocational, legal, and health and wellness resources, our customized program gives each person the tools they need to become self-sufficient.

Emergency Housing

The Crisis and Bridge Housing Program works in partnership with homeless service providers serving chronically homeless women and men in the Skid Row community. Your gifts provide on-site medical and mental health care, temporary housing, meals, case management and service triage, access to our on-site school, computer learning center, job, and career counseling, and connections with housing resources to quickly end their episode of homelessness.

HomeLight

HomeLight Family Living provides the path for families in crisis to reunify, rebuild, and restore their lives. Your support provide education, career preparedness, counseling, and life skills to break the cycle of abuse and poverty and ensure independent, successful living.

Meals

At TMM, our meal service is our initial engagement with those experiencing homelessness. A meal becomes the starting point in rebuilding a broken life. There is a significant need for meals for those who are impoverished, disabled, elderly, or supporting a family with limited resources.


Education

At TMM, we strongly believe that an investment in education pays lifelong dividends for each of our participants. On average, 35% of those entering our program do not have a high school diploma or GED, so our Academic and Career Excellence Center (ACE) is vital to their future success. We provide education opportunities to our participants that increase their chances to enter the job market where they can earn a living wage with much-needed benefits.

Health

The Midnight Mission's (TMM) Healthy Living Program is a residential program where participants stay an average of 12 months. The program includes primary healthcare, fitness classes and exercise opportunities designed to improve the physical, social, and emotional health. Many of our participants, who are homeless or low-income individuals, have long-overlooked chronic health conditions, including those prioritized by California Hospital Medical Center – obesity, diabetes, mental health issues, and oral health problems.

THE **IMPACT** YOU MADE IN 2020


806,214
Nutritious
Meals Served


14,556
Nights of
Shelter


26,091
Showers


182,012
Bathroom
Visits


31,174
Volunteers (Hours)
Provided


745
People (or
Residents)
Received
Medical
and/or Dental
Care


90
Obtained Housing
(Transitions/Exits to
Permanent Housing)


75
Employment Provided
(# Of New Job
Placements)


113
Families Served

310 Individuals Served
7,427 AA/NA Meetings Attended
120 Employment Counseling Sessions
43,820 Hygiene Kits Distributed

**Due to COVID-19, our program services and numbers were affected.*

Michelle Hill Breaks the Stigma of Homelessness

Michelle is a Mom of two teenagers with a full-time job. After 19 years of living in a verbally abusive relationship, she had to find a new beginning. The end of that relationship left her without hope, and her bank account depleted.

Michelle and her children stayed with her brother and his six kids for a short time. Then, they stayed at Outward Bound for a few months until they told Michelle she made too much money to stay. Michelle talked to her caseworker about finding help before she would be forced to live in a car with her children.

Michelle's caseworker recommended she apply at HomeLight Family Living.

Acceptance into the program filled Michelle with hope. She was grateful for the opportunity to step back and look at herself. The staff at HomeLight encouraged her to look at the whole picture and were not afraid to tell her the truth about herself and her circumstances. She has learned not to worry about tomorrow and stay in the gift of the present.

Michelle credits HomeLight Family Living for making her a better mom. Being empowered to stand with confidence on her own two feet, she is now leading her children by example. Michelle has learned the art of listening to her children and seeing them for who they are. She encourages them to go where their dreams are leading them, not where she thinks they should go.

Michelle learned how to budget, and she has saved money for a down payment on a home of her own. She watched her credit score increase as she made financially responsible decisions. With the help of the staff at HomeLight, she improved her value in the workforce and is asserting herself to succeed.

Looking back, Michelle is grateful to have been chosen to participate in the program. She is thankful for the chance to get her life together. She has been given a new perspective. Michelle realizes she didn't do anything wrong to end up as a homeless statistic. She knows homelessness can happen to anyone, but it is not a place someone has to remain. She says she is blessed to have a second chance at life and appreciates your support.

