

## Calling All Volunteers!

Summer is a busy season at The Midnight Mission, and we would love to have your help aiding the people who come to us. Individual volunteers and groups are welcome, and opportunities include meal service, sorting clothes, making food boxes and hygiene kits, and tutoring.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Andrew Linares at (213) 624-9258 ext. 1249 or [ALinares@MidnightMission.org](mailto:ALinares@MidnightMission.org). Or visit [MidnightMission.org](http://MidnightMission.org), then click on "Get Involved" and "Volunteer."



## Hydration Saves Lives!

### Please Give Today

There is little that's more important than staying cool and hydrated during the hot summer months.

But without stable shelter, there's often no relief from the summer heat. Without a cool place to seek refuge, severe heat can be life-threatening. That's why, with your help, The Midnight Mission provides:

- Water
- Cooling services
- Health referrals
- And more

**Please make a gift today to help ensure we can reach those who need us the most this summer. Thank you!**

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# The MIDNIGHT JOURNEY

How Your Gifts Make a Difference

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## "In One Year, We've Gotten This Far"

Addiction cost Brittany and Robert nearly everything that mattered most to them. They were homeless and even lost custody of their daughter. They wanted to break free from that destructive lifestyle.

Finally, after a long journey, they came to The Midnight Mission and our HomeLight Family Living Program. **They have embraced a journey of sobriety and reunited with their daughter.** And through the 12-step program,

**Read the rest of Brittany and Robert's story inside!**



Make a gift now by scanning the code or donate at [MidnightMission.org/Donate](http://MidnightMission.org/Donate).

Just for you...

- CEO Thank You
- An Easter Recap!
- Come Celebrate with Us!

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I just can't say it to you enough: **Thank you** for being a generous partner to The Midnight Mission and to all the people we're able to help in LA!

Every day, we see transformations taking place. They can start small, with a meal for the day or shelter for the night.

And with each passing day, hope begins to blossom. Those who have felt ignored, invisible, or forgotten discover that there is a caring community who will support and encourage them, and refuse to give up on them.

At The Midnight Mission, we see the value of every person who comes here. Everyone has the ability to change. **And everyone has something to offer.**

Some give their generous support, as you do. Some give their time or their prayers. After all, hunger and homelessness are more than any of us can take on alone. But when we work together, we can work miracles!

It isn't easy living without a place to call home. It can be especially hard in the summer as temperatures rise. We offer a cool place to rest and water to refresh and rehydrate themselves. *And we let them know that if they need additional help, we are there to support them.*

**And so are you.** Your generosity helps to provide meals, shelter, support services, recovery from addiction, and so much more. Each gift you give keeps our beacon burning as a source of light and a source of hope!

Thank you,

*David L. Prentice*

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President & CEO



counseling, and their faith community, they've mended relationships with their extended family and built the support network they need to start fresh and rebuild their lives.

"We were homeless, living in the streets, struggling," Robert said. "In one year, we've gotten this far."

At HomeLight, they've taken a number of positive steps. Both have gotten jobs and participated in a money management plan, giving themselves the skills needed to budget for their future responsibly.

Brittany and Robert are looking ahead to securing permanent housing, saving diligently, and providing their daughter with love and stability. They are dedicated to building a brighter future together.

Looking back, Brittany and Robert are thankful for all they've achieved and truly appreciate the generosity you have shown to support and encourage them! "I was homeless," Brittany said. **"Now, I have a roof over my head, I'm in recovery, and I am reunited with my daughter."**

**"I'm not a bad person; I just made bad choices, but I was willing to change."**  
- Brittany

## Easter and Passover Fair: A Crowd Favorite!

From a visit with the Easter bunny to baskets of candy and a delicious, filling meal, the Easter and Passover Fair was a huge success – thanks in part to you!

Your donations helped us serve a traditional holiday meal and distribute hygiene items to nearly 2,000 homeless and near-homeless individuals and families. What a blessing it was!



## Please Celebrate with Us!

On September 7, from 7-10 p.m., The Midnight Mission will celebrate our 110th anniversary! We'll also hold our Golden Heart Award Ceremony, which recognizes individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their compassion for those in our community who are less fortunate.

Tickets and sponsorships are available, and guests can look forward to an unforgettable evening of entertainment, dinner, cocktails, and poker. To sponsor or attend, please contact Brent Hough at (213) 624-9258, or [bhough@midnightmission.org](mailto:bhough@midnightmission.org). We hope to see you there!



## Community Connection

There isn't just one solution for ending homelessness, but fostering a tightly knit community is a significant part of the equation.

Community outreach plays a pivotal role in connecting individuals with behavioral health experts and other clinicians. Beyond that, the simple yet profound reassurance that one is not alone can significantly impact the lives of those facing adversity.

Building community connections is crucial for addressing the root causes of homelessness and implementing long-term solutions. It offers an opportunity to collaborate and leverage people's strengths. Moreover, it serves as a platform to raise awareness about homelessness, ensuring that those facing it do not have to navigate their challenges alone.

Thank you for helping us build these crucial communities!

**\$2.05** provides  
**1 meal!**