

The MIDNIGHT JOURNEY

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“Having Someone Who Cares”

Family is everything to Felicia. She was raised by her grandparents and has always cherished family meals and gatherings, finding solace and strength in their close-knit bonds.

As the oldest of seven siblings, she played a nurturing role from a young age. So it’s not surprising that Felicia eventually became a nurse’s aide, thriving in a role that allowed her to connect with people and offer support.

But when she lost her mother and her own child, she was devastated. Now it was Felicia who needed comfort, when the pain was more than she could bear.

Read the rest of Felicia’s story inside.

Just for you...

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Thanks for Giving

There are a lot of Thanksgiving traditions in America. Some share a meal with family or friends. Some volunteer. Some watch football.

At The Midnight Mission, our Thanksgiving celebration really gets at the heart of the holiday – **gratitude**.

Think what it means to someone who has been hungry and homeless to be welcomed to the table with a smile and told, "Please join us."

It's more than a meal. It's a moment of grace.

And it's a reminder that, even during life's greatest challenges, there is reason for hope. Together, let's help people find hope. **Will you please make another gift today?**

Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

David L. Prentice
President & CEO

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

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Felicia struggled to cope. **For a while, she was homeless.** But with the support of her family, she found the strength to face the future. She sought help through rehabilitation, recognizing the need for change and healing.

Eventually, she found herself at The Midnight Mission, where she has been on a transformative journey toward stability and hope.

Her time here has been instrumental in her journey toward permanent housing, a goal she eagerly anticipates as she looks forward to becoming a grandmother and embracing new beginnings.

Felicia dreams of getting married, owning a home, and pursuing work that allows her to continue helping others with her caring nature and skilled hands. She says:

"At The Midnight Mission, I've found more than just shelter. It's about having someone who cares, especially when you feel at your lowest."

Felicia's story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. She believes firmly in rising again.

But her story also shows that all of us, at one time or another, need help. Felicia calls The Midnight Mission "a lifeline" that has supported her journey of transformation.

Thank you for offering her and so many others the lifeline they need!



Promises Made. Promises Kept.

Abel believes in recovery. For years, he maintained sobriety and helped others with their own recoveries.

But after a difficult divorce, Abel spiraled downward. He started drinking again and ended up homeless.

When he found his way to The Midnight Mission, he had a lot of questions. "I was skeptical," he remembers. He was at such a low period that he wondered whether anyone could really help him take the next step on his journey.

But Abel has kept the promises he's made to himself – to seek help, to stop drinking – **and we've kept our promises to him.** At The Midnight Mission, Abel has earned a number of employment certifications that will increase his opportunities ahead. He's also been to the doctor for a physical, and gotten reading glasses. He says:

"It's been a journey. It's been a very good journey. [You're] giving me the opportunity to better myself, to continue my journey, and to achieve my recovery."

Today, we're proud to recognize Abel as a member of our 1201 Club, made up of alumni who have completed our program and successfully transitioned back into the community.

They attend monthly Alumni Association meetings at The Midnight Mission and help organize special community events. Additionally, the 1201 Club gives alumni access to a full range of safety net services and community resources to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Recovery isn't easy. But it *is* possible. It takes commitment. It takes helpful programs and services. **And it takes people like you.** Thanks from Abel and all of us!



Every Dollar Makes a Difference

You help set the table with hope and give your neighbors something to be thankful for.



But your support provides much more than meals. Neighbors who have been hungry and slept on the streets are so thankful for food, shelter, and the support they need to make positive changes in their lives.

The holiday season is all about family. **Can you give \$7 today to feed a family of four? Or \$49 to provide a week's worth of meals?** Only you know what you can give. We're grateful for every dollar you donate. Thank you!

What Do Help and Hope Look Like?

With your support, we are able to provide:

- 2,000 daily meals to people who are hungry
- Safe shelter each night for individuals experiencing homelessness
- A pathway out of homelessness through transitional housing and job readiness programs
- Stability for unhoused families through our HomeLight Family Living program



Holiday Gifts in Kind

Hunger and Homelessness Never Take a Holiday

Your donation of food and other items will help feed and care for those who need it most this holiday season. Thank you!

Turkey

Glazed ham

Potatoes

Yams

Butter

Stuffing

Toys and books

To donate, please call Brent Hough at: (213) 624-9258, ext. 2205.

Holiday Events

Join us to help make the holidays bright for neighbors in need!

✓ **Turkey Trot Run and Walk in DTLA**

November 28

✓ **Thanksgiving Street Fair**

November 28

✓ **Toy Giveaway**

December 22



For more information about these holiday events, go to MidnightMission.org/events.



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If you're not able to drop off donations in person, you can order them from The Midnight Mission's Amazon wish list and have them shipped here!

To learn more – and for the link to our wish list – visit MidnightMission.org. Thank you!

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