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### **HOMELIGHT FAMILY LIVING HOLDS CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES**

- What:** The Midnight Mission’s HomeLight Family Living\_Christmas program will include a traditional holiday meal, participant testimonials, and special performances by the children. The event will be highlighted by the arrival of Santa Claus himself!
- When:** Monday, December 9, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Where:** Because the location is confidential to protect the residents, the media should contact **Ricardo Rosales** directly for the address.
- Who:** Current and alumni families of HomeLight Family Living, City of Inglewood **Mayor James Butts**, Councilman **Alex Padilla**, and Midnight Mission donors, volunteers, staff and board will all come together for this extraordinary celebration. We are grateful to **Samantha Senia** of **Elite Home Staging** for donating furniture for the apartments and to **Erika Brule** of **Flip4Good** for leading the trauma-informed design and renovations.
- How:** Corporate and community sponsors adopt our homeless families for Christmas during this difficult time in their lives. All family members have completed a wish list that is fulfilled by those generous sponsors. Adopt a Family sponsors include **Capital Group, Ed Simon, Monica Bracho, Inglewood Park Cemetery, Vanessa Manzi, BPA, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Bellwether, Southern California Gas Company, Campos EPC, LLC, The Oliver Family, Lateral Link, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Pacific Defense.**
- Why:** The holidays are a fantastic time for the community to come together, get involved, and give back to help families who are victims of domestic abuse, human trafficking, and homelessness. This annual event helps to ensure that the most vulnerable, homeless children and families will experience the joy, hope, and cheer of the holiday season. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our community.



**Impact:** In 2024, HomeLight served 28 families and 20 alumni families. 83% of families successfully transitioned to permanent housing. 100% connected with mental health and/or SUD treatment services. All families report improved wellness at the point of transition. 93% of families that transitioned a year ago continue to be housed. 85% of families that transitioned two years ago remain housed. 100% of families received a clinical psych/social assessment to develop goals. 100% of families were connected with childcare providers. 8 families reunified with their children who were in foster care, and the Department of Children and Family Services closed jurisdiction. 80% of the families increased their income through employment. 100% of families completed a 4-month mental health workshop to improve self-efficacy.

**About HomeLight Family Living, a program of The Midnight Mission:** HomeLight Family Living provides the path for families in crisis to reunify, rebuild and restore their lives. We provide education, career preparedness, counseling, and life skills to break the cycle of abuse and poverty to ensure independent, successful living. For additional information, please visit our website at [www.midnightmission.org/homelight](http://www.midnightmission.org/homelight) or contact Ricardo Rosales, Director of HomeLight Family Living at [rosales@midnightmission.org](mailto:rosales@midnightmission.org).