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Soul and Spirit Reborn!

For years, Kyle struggled to overcome addiction and homelessness. Then, one night, he died from a fentanyl overdose.

Yes, you read that right. Thankfully, an immediate medical intervention brought him back to life, giving him a second chance. It was the wake-up call he desperately needed.

Kyle had been so ashamed of what his life had become that he hid his pain from ...

***Read the rest of
Kyle's story inside!***

Just for you...

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I'm Living Proof!

Any of us can feel sympathy for those who struggle with addiction.

I can also feel empathy. **I've been there!**

My father was an alcoholic. I started drinking when I was 13. Soon, I was using other substances, and my life was spiraling out of control.

But I turned my life around through a 12-step recovery program. You've heard the saying, *"There but for the grace of God go I"*? That's my story.

It's not a story I have to share. **It's one I want to share.** I want everyone to know that what I have done, others can do as well – especially if they get the services and support they need.

That's what we offer. At The Midnight Mission, we don't just provide meals and shelter. We offer a path to recovery and a chance for a better life. I've taken that path. I know where it can lead. I'm living proof!

To help make more stories of hope and recovery possible, please make a gift today.

Thank you,

David L. Prentice
President & CEO

his family and didn't ask for help. But after his near-death experience, he found the strength to visit his father and admit what he was going through.

To Kyle's surprise, his father welcomed him home with love. Kyle told his father that he was done with drugs, that he was scared, and he didn't know what to do. His father encouraged him to get help.

At last, Kyle had a moment of clarity and hope.

He spent the weekend in his childhood room looking for how to get sober. When he learned about The Midnight Mission, it resonated with him. So many nights he had been in the darkness – looking for light.

Kyle took that vital first step and showed up at The Midnight Mission Courtyard. After completing

detox, he was accepted into our Recovery Program. One day at a time, Kyle is working with our team to gain the tools he needs to face each day clean and sober.

He's making the most of his second chance!

He's learning to play the

guitar and write songs. **He's also working at the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse as a recovery monitor,** and he moved into his own apartment in Hollywood – using his own money! He's got big dreams for the future, and he's well on his way to reaching them.



Kyle has learned that asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength. Each day, he's finding new ways to overcome his challenges and face his future with optimism and pride. **And he's sharing his story to encourage others to get the help they need, too. Thank you for helping make stories like Kyle's possible.**

Please Support Our Easter and Passover Street Fair!



The Midnight Mission's annual Easter and Passover Street Fair will be held on Sunday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We expect to welcome thousands of

men, women, and children who are unhoused or near homelessness.

The festival includes a holiday meal and live entertainment, with a special appearance from the Easter Bunny. And sponsors are needed to help make it a success!



For sponsorship opportunities, contact Brent Hough at (213) 624-9258 ext. 2205 or bhough@midnightmission.org. Thank you!

Garden State 20th Anniversary Concert

We're beyond thrilled about the Garden State 20th Anniversary Concert benefiting The Midnight Mission coming up on March 29! Our longtime supporter Zach Braff is hosting a one-night-only musical event featuring songs from his film's iconic Grammy Award-winning soundtrack – with performances by the original artists The Shins, Iron & Wine, Frou Frou, Colin Hay, Thievery Corporation, Remy Zero, Cary Brothers, Bonnie Somerville, and Sophie Barker from Zero 7. **And special guests!**



Help Give Your Neighbors an Easter Meal!

For many of us, Easter and Passover traditions include a joyful meal with those we care about. We gather, we share community, we celebrate – and we feel love.

Here at The Midnight Mission, we'll be serving meals, too. Thousands of them, delivered with a side of hope and fellowship!

But we can't do it without help from people like you. Your gift of:

- **\$28.90 can provide up to 10 meals**
- **\$72.25 can provide up to 25 meals**
- **\$144.50 can provide up to 100 meals**

A contribution of any amount can help serve up hope and healing, so please respond today. Thanks for giving what you can, so all our LA neighbors can celebrate the season, too.

HomeLight Family Living's Mother's Day Luncheon

For the past 30 years, our HomeLight Family Living program has provided safe, secure housing and support for survivors of domestic violence or human trafficking and people recovering from addiction. We now have 13 renovated, fully furnished apartments for families to use while they get back on their feet. The transformational program allows families to find a path back to self-sufficiency and a brighter future. And in honor of all the moms in our HomeLight program, we'll be hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon.

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Your Legacy of Caring



Since 1914, generous donors like you have helped hundreds of thousands of people create fresh starts. Through your compassionate support of The Midnight

Mission, you help individuals and families overcome homelessness and build better, more hopeful lives.

You can continue to provide the necessary resources for people long into the future when you make a planned gift, either during your lifetime or through your will.

To learn more about continuing your legacy of caring, email Karen Vallecillo at kvallecillo@midnightmission.org.

Year in Review

Here's what your gifts helped us do last year!

Served **954,236** Nutritious Meals



Provided **5,651** Food Boxes



Provided **31,474** Shelter Beds



Served **158** Families



39,062 Volunteer Hours



23,783 12-Step Meetings



881 Academic Services



213,710 Hygiene Center Visits



A Place for Children

We're celebrating the opening of the HomeLight Daycare Project! In collaboration with Venice Family Clinic, the center will provide a safe place for children in the HomeLight Family Living program to stay while their parents work and take steps to achieve their goals. The center will also help children develop important skills for success. It will be a place for children to love, learn, grow, and thrive!



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Make a gift now by scanning the code or donate at MidnightMission.org/Spring.

