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FRED JORDAN MISSION'S FOOD VAN FOR THE POOR STOLEN

The poor in Los Angeles and on Skid Row were dealt another hard blow today. Mission staff and volunteers were stunned Tuesday morning as they arrived for work to prepare food bags for the poor and found that during the night, the Mission's sole food van was stolen. Hundreds of thousands of impoverished, homeless and disabled children, women, men and families rely on the food the Mission provides for their daily sustenance. The Mission is the only organization that provides food bags to Skid Row every day 365 days a year. For many it is the last and only life line they have.

In almost 70 years of providing food for the homeless and hungry 365 days a year, nothing like this has ever happened. Open since 1944, the Mission feeds 1,000 people a day and provides nutritious meals for hungry families, builds schools and hospitals, and distributes food and clothing to people living on the street. The Mission is a non-profit, faith-based, educational and relief organization emphasizing education, job training, and self-reliance. They are also known throughout the world for their outreach events at the holidays that give hope and help to thousands

The economic challenges of the last several years have hit the poor and vulnerable impoverished women and children the hardest. The Mission has watched the need for their services grow by over 50% while donations have plummeted by that same amount.

A special account has been set up to raise money to replace the van and anyone who can help is asked to call the Fred Jordan Mission at (626) 915-1981. All donations are fully tax deductible.

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