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CARE HARBOR CLINIC TO TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 15-17 AT THE REEF
Hundreds Of Healthcare Professionals To Provide Free Care To Thousands With
No Access To Healthcare

WHAT:

Care Harbor, a nonprofit, volunteer-based charity, is hosting its annual free, massive clinic to provide free healthcare to thousands with limited and no access to healthcare. This year, the first day of the clinic will be exclusively devoted to treating Los Angeles County's homeless population. In its 10th year, Care Harbor will be joined by more than 700 healthcare professionals who will volunteer their time to care for the most difficult-to-reach homeless population in Los Angeles.

WHEN:

November 15-17, 2019 -- 7AM - 4PM

WHERE:

The REEF, 1933 South Broadway, Los Angeles

PRESS CONFERENCE:

Los Angeles County and Care Harbor will hold a press conference on the opening day of the clinic (**Nov. 15 at 10:30 am**). The conference will highlight the urgency of deploying a "crisis response" strategy to aid the homeless and illustrate the real human experience of both the clients and volunteers at the event.

SPEAKERS:

- Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County Supervisor
- Howard Kahn, Care Harbor and Good Hope Foundation Board Member

- Don Manelli, CEO Care Harbor
- La Tina Jackson, Service Area Chief for Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

WHY:

There are more than 58,000 Angelenos experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County, a rate that has increased over the previous year. Despite unprecedented investment by the County of Los Angeles through Measure H, which invests \$350 million annually to address the homeless crisis, for every 133 people that are housed across the County services, 150 more become newly homeless each day. This year, more than 1,000 homeless people are anticipated to die on the street, a rate higher than ever before. According to an October 2019 report released by the L.A. County Department of Public Health, the number of homeless deaths doubled from 536 in 2013 to 1,047 in 2018, but the death rate, which accounts for increases in the total number of homeless people, increased by over a third during that same period. The report cites coronary heart, drug/alcohol overdose, liver disease/cirrhosis and hypertensive heart disease among the leading causes of homeless deaths.

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REGISTRATION:

**Media interested in covering the wristband distribution and/or clinic must pre-register at: [Care Harbor Media Registration](#)*

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