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MEND RECEIVES \$50,000 MEDTRONIC HEALTH ACCESS GRANT

Grant recognizes local organizations committed to expanding access to healthcare for the underserved

(Pacoima, CA) – (December 4, 2013) – MEND today announced a two-year, \$50,000 Health Access Grant from Medtronic Philanthropy in recognition of MEND’s continued commitment to improve access to healthcare in the San Fernando Valley with an emphasis on chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes. The grant will allow MEND to expand its Diabetes Education and Treatment Program, with patients participating in a four month, five-component course and support group. Participants will have access to services designed to help manage diabetes such as exercise classes, cooking classes, and automatic referrals to MEND’s dental, vision screenings and diet-specific emergency food boxes.

“Through MEND’s holistic approach to healthcare, we have been able to serve uninsured low income patients, 50% of whom have pre-diabetes or diabetes. Community investment such as this grant will ensure that our patients get continued access to preventative care” says Marianne Haver Hill, MEND CEO.

MEND was nominated by Medtronic leadership working in the Los Angeles-area headquarters for a proven track record in addressing local, critical healthcare needs.

“Here at Medtronic, we’re dedicated to improving access to healthcare for people with diabetes,” says Francine Kaufman, M.D., chief medical officer and vice president of global clinical affairs for

Medtronic Diabetes. “Through Medtronic Health Access Grants we’re thrilled to be able to partner with community-based organizations like MEND that have found creative ways to provide much-needed services to underserved communities right here in Los Angeles, where so many of our Diabetes business unit employees live and work.”

The Health Access Grant to MEND is one of 34 grants awarded around in communities around the world in recognition of community-based programs and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to expanding access to chronic disease care for the underserved.

About MEND

MEND-- Meet Each Need with Dignity, serves an average of 38,500 and as many as 42,500 poverty –level clients each month, while remarkably keeping operating costs to less than 6%. It is the largest, most efficient and most comprehensive poverty-relief organization in the San Fernando Valley. MEND takes a holistic approach to relieve the effects of poverty by providing basic human needs while giving their clients the tools, education, training, support and opportunities that foster self-reliance.

MEND was born as a volunteer-powered organization four decades ago in a garage in suburban LA, and today benefits from the assistance of more than 4400 volunteers (and only 31 paid staffers) to implement its vast array of programs that provide medical, dental and vision care; food; clothing; job training; classes for adults in English as a second language, literacy, computers, office skills, sewing and parenting; math, reading and science tutoring for kids; showers and other services for the homeless; a home garden training program for 72 families in 2013; and a Christmas Basket Program for 1400 pre-screened families in need.

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