By becoming a member of our volunteer team, you can

- **make a difference** in someone’s life for as little as three hours per month.

- **provide all types of dental care** including dental exams, restorations, hygiene services including fluoride treatments and oral health education, extractions, and prosthodontic services including crowns and dentures.

- **utilize our state-of-the-art facility**, featuring an open bay design, nine operatories, and fiber optic units.

- **share your professional skills** in a unique environment and make use of our on-site support staff.

- **meet and network** with other healthcare professionals.

- **if you prefer**, assist patients from the comfort of your own office by allowing us to refer a few pre-screened patients per month to your practice.

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**MEND Dental Clinic Volunteer Opportunities**

**MEND** recognized as California Nonprofit of the Year 2012 Governor’s Award

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- General Dentist
- Lab Technician
- Oral Surgeon
- Periodontist
- Orthodontist
- Pedodontist
- Dental Hygienist
- Registered Dental Asst.
- Dental Student
- Oral Hygiene Educator
Guadalupe came to MEND Dental Clinic with a very serious infection in her mouth. Her face was swollen and there were tears in her eyes when she asked if she could schedule an appointment. She had suffered from intense pain for three weeks because she had no money and could not afford to see a dentist. A friend suggested Guadalupe come to MEND for help. One of MEND’s volunteer dentists saved Guadalupe’s tooth from extraction by performing a root canal. A week later she came for follow-up and was extremely grateful that we had alleviated her terrible toothache. She stated, “If it wasn’t for MEND and for the dentist who volunteered his time to help me, I don’t know what I would have done.”

MEND Dental Clinic is fully licensed by LA County and provides malpractice insurance coverage for licensed practitioners who volunteer with us.

Please contact us for more information and a personal tour of our facility.

In 1991, volunteer health professionals established a free Dental Clinic at MEND to provide basic dental care and patient education to a growing number of uninsured and underserved families in our community.

MEND depends on the compassion and generosity of dentists who volunteer as little as three hours per month to help bring hope and healing to those living in poverty. With the support of over 14,000 volunteer hours last year alone, we were able to provide more than 4,500 patient visits.

However, there are many individuals in desperate need of help who may wait up to three months for an appointment because we do not have enough volunteer dentists to care for them. By donating just a few hours of your time per month you can touch and help transform the lives of individuals who might otherwise go without care.

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More than one-quarter million families in Los Angeles County live below the federal poverty line. Many of those living in extreme poverty include working adults who rarely earn enough money to feed themselves and their loved ones, let alone seek medical care. Sadly, poverty strikes mostly children, single parents, the elderly, and the disabled. The problem of poverty in our community is enormous, but not hopeless. Together, we have the power to help.

Founded in 1971, MEND is the largest and most comprehensive poverty agency in the San Fernando Valley. With the support of over 4,400 volunteers annually, MEND provides emergency food, clothing, medical and dental care, job training and placement, English as a Second Language classes, shower facilities, and other social services to as many as 49,000 low-income individuals of our community per month.

MEND’s Unique Characteristics

- Programs are privately funded without government grants.
- MEND is ninety-nine percent volunteer-powered, allowing people in the larger community to make a difference in the lives of the poor.
- Over 94% of each donation goes directly to our service recipients.
- Fundraising, grant writing, and public relations are largely conducted by volunteers.
- Staff is hired only when programs grow too large for volunteers to manage.
- Programs are designed to develop self-reliance among recipients.
- Small donations for services are accepted based on recipient’s ability to contribute.