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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MEND Medical Clinic is in need of volunteer **physicians, nurses, and pharmacists**. By becoming a part of our volunteer team, you can

- **make a difference** in someone’s life for a little as three hours per month.
- **provide basic medical care** and specialty clinics, including general family practice, chiropractic, acupuncture, counseling, healthy aging, women’s health, and diabetic education and treatment.
- **utilize our in-house dispensary**, with a comprehensive formulary and an automatic pill counter.
- **practice medicine in our new state-of-the-art facility**, featuring nine exam rooms, a counseling room, acupuncture room, in-house dispensary, health education room, and vision center with two vision lanes.
- **share your professional skills** in a unique environment and make use of our on-site support staff.
- **meet and network** with other healthcare professionals.
- as an option, **assist patients in the comfort of your own office** by allowing us to refer a few pre-screened patients per month to your practice.



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

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**MEND Medical Clinic is fully licensed by the
County of Los Angeles and provides malpractice
insurance coverage for licensed practitioners.**



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MENDING LIVES WITH HELP



Rosa was out of work for over a year because of poor health related to diabetes. During her first visit to the free MEND Medical Clinic, Rosa hesitantly admitted to the doctor that she had gone without medication because she could not afford to pay for the prescriptions and did not have insurance. The physician assured Rosa that, by coming to MEND, she would receive medications at no charge and learn how to better manage her diabetes. In addition, our volunteer pharmacist explained to Rosa the purpose of her medications and provided instructions on how to use them.

Rosa has been a MEND patient for over one year now. Her health has improved dramatically and she is once again employed, earning minimum wage. Each time she picks up a free prescription from MEND volunteer pharmacists, she smiles broadly and offers a very sincere “Thank you.” The pharmacists return the smile, knowing that for Rosa—and hundreds like her—they have brought healing and hope.

MENDING LIVES WITH HEALING

MEND Medical Clinic provides much needed care for low-income, uninsured residents of the northeast San Fernando Valley. Our volunteer health professionals provide basic medical care and specialty clinics, including general family practice, chiropractic, acupuncture, counseling, healthy aging, women’s health, and diabetic education and treatment.

Fully funded by private grants and donations, all of our services are provided at no charge to our patients. MEND greatly depends on volunteers to enable us to sustain these services. With the help of over 9,600 volunteer hours last year alone, we were able to provide more than 4,600 patient visits. By donating just a few hours of your time per month, you can help touch and transform the lives of individuals who might otherwise go without care.

If you or another medical professional you know is willing to donate just a few hours per month to help those in need, please contact us for more information and a personal tour of our facility.



MEND affirms that every person has innate human dignity and the right to be treated with respect. Our diverse volunteers, spanning all generations, work collectively to end poverty and help individuals build self-esteem and independence.

MENDING LIVES WITH HOPE

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 as many as 49,000 low-income community members 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.
- Small donations for services are accepted based on recipient’s ability to contribute.

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