

# MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY



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## MEND—MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY HOSTS “FRIENDS FOR GOOD” BREAKFAST TO THANK SUPPORTERS

**WHO:** MEND—the San Fernando Valley’s largest poverty-relief organization—and its Executive Leadership host **“Friends for Good” Breakfast, Wednesday, Oct. 7.** [Bill Allen](#), President and CEO of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, will be the keynote speaker. MEND’s governing board chairwoman Virginia Tanawong and vice chairwoman Tracy Rafter, will emcee.

**WHAT:** The Friends for Good Breakfast will celebrate MEND supporters and their impacts on the agency’s **mission to break the bonds of poverty by providing for basic needs and a pathway to self-reliance.** Program accomplishments will be shared along with a job training client’s firsthand experience of how the agency enhances her work readiness skills.

**WHERE:** MEND Center Lobby - 10641 N. San Fernando Road, Pacoima CA 91331

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015. Buffet Breakfast 7:30 a.m.; Program 8-9:15 a.m.

**RSVP:** For more information or to [RSVP](#), please visit our website at [mendpoverty.org](http://mendpoverty.org).

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### ABOUT MEND:

[MEND-- Meet Each Need with Dignity](#) - serves an average of 37,000 and as many as 48,000 poverty-level clients each month, while remarkably keeping operating costs to less than 6%. MEND takes a holistic approach to relieve the effects of poverty by providing basic human needs while giving their clients the education and training that fosters self-reliance. Named California Nonprofit of the Year in 2012 by the Governor’s Office, MEND is one of the largest, most efficient and most comprehensive poverty-relief organizations in the Los Angeles region.

Born as a volunteer-powered organization four decades ago in a garage, today MEND benefits from the assistance of approximately 5,000 volunteers (and only 34 paid staffers) to implement its vast array of programs that provide food; clothing; job training; medical, dental and vision care; classes for adults in English as a Second Language, literacy and computer training; an after school program for kids; showers and other services for the homeless; and a Holiday Basket Program for ,1200 pre-screened families in need. In 2014, 193,057 volunteer hours were provided, equating to 106 full-time employees.