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MEND Names Long-time Non-Profit Leader as New CEO

A veteran leader in the nonprofit world, Janet Marinaccio has been named the new President and Chief Executive officer of [MEND \(Meet Each Need with Dignity\)](http://www.mendpoverty.org), the San Fernando Valley's leading agency for those living in poverty. MEND takes a holistic approach to provide a broad array of programs to relieve the effects of poverty and foster self-reliance, serving an average of 37,000 clients each month.

"I have long admired the incredible work of MEND," Marinaccio said. "I am honored to have this opportunity to build on the long-standing successes of this remarkable agency and to continue a legacy of providing vital services to the community."

Marinaccio's start date is July 5, 2017. She will succeed Susan Ng, who served as interim CEO since January of this year.

Marinaccio has worked with nonprofit agencies for nearly 20 years, most recently as Chief Operating Officer since 2014 for Extraordinary Families, a foster care and policy agency in Los Angeles. Previously, she worked for Goodwill Industries for 16 years leading a broad array of workforce development programs serving those with the most significant barriers to employment throughout Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties. She also worked at the national level providing capacity building consultation and training to 165 Goodwill agencies throughout North America. Marinaccio holds a bachelor's degree in education from Niagara University, and a master's degree in psychology/marriage and family therapy from Phillips Graduate Institute. She also is certified as a career development facilitator master trainer and an Aspen Institute Marano fellow.

"We are delighted to welcome Janet to the team," said Jocelyn Guihama, MEND's Governing Board Chair. "Janet brings strong leadership abilities, broad nonprofit experience and, most importantly, a commitment to our mission that will enhance MEND's programs and have a positive impact on the community. She is the perfect leader to bring MEND into its next phase of growth. I'd like to also offer our deepest gratitude to Susan Ng who served as the interim CEO. Susan's dedication to MEND's mission helped ease this transition."

Marinaccio was chosen by MEND's board to replace Marianne Haver Hill, who stepped down from the top position last year after serving the organization for 29 years.

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ABOUT MEND

MEND serves an average of 37,000 poverty-level clients each month, while remarkably keeping operating costs to less than 10%. Born as a volunteer-powered organization four decades ago in a garage, today MEND continues to leverage the strength of over 5000 volunteers (and only 30 paid staffers) to implement its vast array of programs that provide food; medical, dental and vision care; adult literacy, education and job training classes; after school youth programs; clothing; services for the homeless; and a Holiday Basket Program for families in need. Last year, 187,252 volunteer hours were provided, the equivalent of 103 full-time employees. For more information, visit www.mendpoverty.org.