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


RSVP: For more information or to RSVP, please visit our website at 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 1,120 pre-screened families in need. In 2014, 193,057 volunteer hours were provided, equating to 106 full-time employees.