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MEND is also grateful for the many individuals and families who have given so openly and generously of their time and resources to assist MEND in our mission throughout 2003!

MEND Thanks Financial Partners

MEND’s Unique Characteristics

- Privately funded — no government grants
- Fundraising done by volunteers
- All public relations work done by volunteers
- Low overhead costs (less than 5%)
- Seeks to develop self-reliance among recipients
- Staff is hired only when programs grow too big for volunteers to handle
- No items of clothing or furniture are sold -$2 donations accepted, based on recipients’ ability to pay

Our Mission as a volunteer-driven organization, is to provide services that meet the basic human needs of individuals who reside in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. These services are provided in a manner that safeguards the dignity of all recipients while promoting self-reliance.

MEND’S PHILOSOPHY rests on the principles that (1) every person, created in the image of God, has innate human dignity and the right to be treated with respect; and (2) every person has the fundamental right to what is needed for a fully human life.
Dear Friends,

It happened again in 2003! We’ve had another year of significant growth in the numbers of clients served and in the expansion of our programs!

Although MEND’s mission is to serve indigent families in the Northeast San Fernando Valley in a way that preserves their dignity, this is not our only focus. Equally important is the fact that we are a volunteer-driven organization, which means that MEND is about empowering Valley residents and workers to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors.

This volunteer focus takes many forms. As you will read in this report, MEND is partnering with hospitals, schools, businesses and other non-profits to enhance and expand our services. The stories here represent only a sampling; every department within MEND contributed in a very important way to this level of service.

Aside from our new collaborations and partnerships in 2003, the other exciting news is that after almost two years of active fundraising, we were able to purchase a lot near the MEND Center that will allow us to expand our housing program. This volunteer focus takes many forms. As you will read in this report, MEND is partnering with hospitals, schools, businesses and other non-profits to enhance and expand our services. The stories here represent only a sampling; every department within MEND contributed in a very important way to this level of service.

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