SHE HAS ONE OF THOSE SMILES that you cannot help but smile along with ….. But, behind her beautiful smile is a story of pain and struggle …..

She opens the door of the one-roomed unit she shares with her family to greet our staff. They are there to drop off a bed for her young son’s puppy, Nico. Alex had asked for a bed for Nico for Christmas. But MEND staff are also there to check in on the family.

Karla’s eyes well up with tears when she sees the light blue donut cushion. Her words are welcoming: “Come in… don’t stand outside.”

Her journey to this moment was made possible by many generous people, such as the 89 year-old former MEND volunteer who lives just a few houses down, but also by people like you who allow MEND to be a beacon of hope for people like Karla, and bring comfort to fragile lives in their hardest hours.

The soft-spoken mother shares: “I came here six years ago with my son, Alex. He was 3.” Unable to live with her aunt due

MAKE HOPE A MONTHLY HABIT

HERE’S A GREAT WAY to save time and help provide compassionate services all year long! Your generous gift will enable us to provide food and clothing for the most vulnerable in our community, free medical, dental and eye care for the uninsured, as well as services for the homeless.

Make a monthly or quarterly pledge to MEND in three simple steps:

- Decide how much you want to give every month or once a quarter.
- Call our CFO, Scott Mikels at, (818) 686-7353 to provide a few details including the bank account or credit card you want charged and to authorize the gift. We wish to assure you that the information you provide us will be kept private at all times.
- Thank you. Know that every day you are investing in changing lives in our community.

FIVE WAYS YOU CAN CHANGE SOMEONE’S LIFE TODAY

1. Make a fully tax deductible gift today.
2. Does your company match donations? Find out by giving us a call at, (818) 686-7320.
3. Make a Gift of Love. In lieu of flowers or a condolence gift, send a donation in memory of your loved one to MEND. For birthdays, anniversaries, or holidays, celebrate the special people in your life by making a donation in their honor.
4. Host a food drive. It’s simple! You can find resources online at: https://mendpoverty.org/programs/emergency-food-bank
5. Volunteer.

“IF YOU CAN’T FEED A HUNDRED PEOPLE, THEN JUST FEED ONE.”
– Mother Theresa

MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS THE WISHLIST

WISHLIST

When even the smallest New Year wishes work wonders….

If you can donate any of these items, please know they will go to immediate use for a person in need who will be thankful for the dignity and comfort you give…

- New, packaged underwear, socks, gloves and beanies for both women and men
- Gently used jeans and t-shirts of all sizes (constant need for these)
- Food – peanut butter, granola bars, oatmeal, canned tuna, tomatoes, chili, vegetables, fruits, soups, and dry goods such as rice, spaghetti and beans

BIG WISH ITEM – $2,600 Funds to replace the pitted and stained flooring in our Foodbank.

Drop off items at MEND, 10641 San Fernando Road, Pacoima, CA 91331. Or call Chanya Blumenkrantz at, (818) 686-7320.
FROM THE FRONTEILINES

A CARING VOICE, where once there was none. A “how are you feeling?” and a hot meal in a compassionate place. A helping hand, clean clothing, and desperately needed medicine. Kindness and hope. Last year, because of your generous support

- More than 2,000,000 meals were cooked by struggling families in Los Angeles because of the food boxes you provided.
- Homeless men and women received food, clothing and hope during 9,000 service encounters.
- Over 10,000 were provided with clothing, blankets, diapers, shoes and so much more by our Clothing Center.

Your willingness to help hurting men, women and children in our community is truly amazing.