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MEND Executive Director Receives Prestigious

Excellence in Leadership Award by California Association of Nonprofits

Pacoima, October 29, 2008 – Marianne Haver Hill, President and Chief Executive Officer of MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), has received the 2008 *Excellence in Leadership Award* from the California Association of Nonprofits.

Haver Hill received this honor on Oct. 22 in Los Angeles during the California Association of Nonprofits' 10th Annual Awards of Excellence event. The association, founded in 1984, is a national nonprofit leader, creating sector-wide responses to the serious challenges facing nonprofit organizations.

Haver Hill has worked as the chief executive director at MEND since 1987. MEND, the largest poverty agency in the San Fernando Valley, provides emergency food, clothing, medical, vision and dental care, job skills training and job placement assistance, English as a Second Language classes, youth activities and a Christmas program. Started in the 1970s, MEND is one of the leanest operating non-profit organizations due to a workforce of more than 2,600 volunteers.

In honoring Haver Hill, the California Association of Nonprofits stated that during her tenure MEND has gone through extraordinary growth from serving a few thousand people per month to more than 40,000 per month. Under her guidance, MEND recently completed a multi-million dollar campaign to open a new 40,000 square foot facility on San Fernando Road in Pacoima. They also cited her for her leadership in ensuring MEND's long-term financial health.

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