

MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY

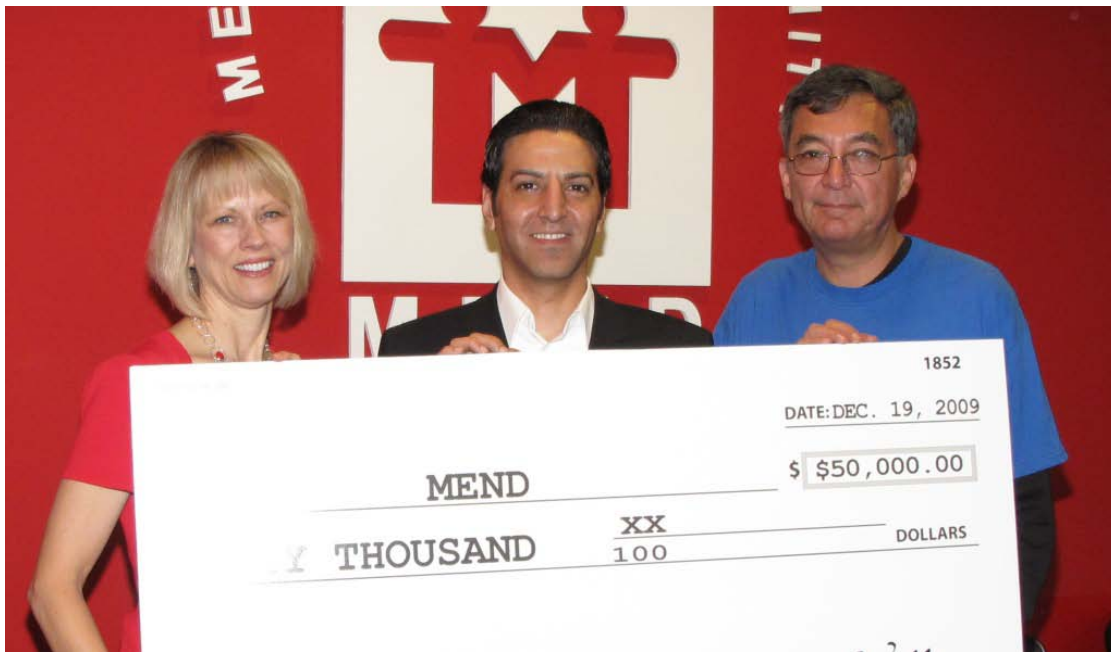


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Wells Fargo Donates \$50,000 to San Fernando Valley's Largest Poverty Relief Organization *Record Demand in Services at Year End*

Wells Fargo North Valley District Manager Shaun Sarkissian (center) presents MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) CEO Marianne Haver Hill (left) and Board President Ron Villafana (right) with a \$50,000 grant to support MEND's emergency food program over the holiday season and into 2010.

Sarkissian presented the check at MEND's Pacoima headquarters on Saturday, December 19, during MEND's 36th Christmas Basket distribution when 1,200 needy applicant families received boxes of food, new toys and new blankets.

Hill says the donation comes at a time when high unemployment is pushing demands for help to record levels and when charities are worried about resources to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

About MEND

In the early 1970s, MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) opened its doors in an effort to transform the lives of the neediest residents of the San Fernando Valley - poor children and their struggling families. Starting as a small group of volunteers working from a garage, MEND has grown into one of the leanest-operating non-profit organizations in existence. More than 94% of the support and donations received by MEND, now the largest poverty agency in the 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. In 2008, MEND served over 30,000 individuals each month utilizing a workforce of more than 2900 volunteers.