

MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY



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MEND Receives \$50,000 from Wells Fargo

MEND --Meet Each Need with Dignity, San Fernando Valley's largest poverty relief agency, has announced a \$50,000 donation from Wells Fargo. The donation will support MEND's emergency food program over the holiday season and into 2011.

Marianne Haver Hill, MEND'S President and CEO, 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.

"At a time when employment cuts and a national economic downturn have significantly increased demand for MEND's services, this donation from Wells Fargo and other community sources is more important to us than ever," said Haver Hill. "With this additional support, MEND will be able to respond to increased community need and serve more individuals and families throughout the San Fernando Valley, providing a safety net for those who need our help."

"Wells Fargo continues to hear from our nonprofit partners about the soaring demand for food and services while donations decline," says Marla Vasquez, Wells Fargo San Fernando Valley Community Bank regional president. "We are thrilled to provide this \$50,000 donation to MEND, an organization that continues to provide basic human needs vital to day-to-day survival in addition to education, training, opportunities and support essential to transitioning individuals and families out of poverty."

Vasquez presented the check at MEND's Pacoima headquarters on Friday, December 17, during MEND's annual Christmas Basket distribution which provided more than 1,100 needy families boxes of food, gifts for each child, and new blankets.

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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. An average of 95% of the annual 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; English as a Second Language classes; an after school program for neighborhood children, and a Christmas program.

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