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POKER TO MEND POVERTY EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR THE NEEDY

Join Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes and celebrity guests for a Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Tournament to raise vital funds for our community’s most needy families through MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity).

The event will be held on *Saturday, October 24, 2009*, with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the tournament beginning at 6:30 p.m. Prizes, food and wine are also part of the evening’s events. The Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Tournament will be held at 10641 N. San Fernando Road, Pacoima, with secured valet parking included.

“I am honored to serve as honorary event chair for this incredible event which seeks to raise money to help serve those most in need in our own community,” said California Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes, 39th Assembly District.

All proceeds from the event benefit MEND. The Poker Buy-in is \$100. Blackjack gaming and spectator viewing is \$40 per person. For more information and to reserve your spot, call: 818-686-7341.

MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), which serves some 30,000 poverty-level clients each month while remarkably keeping operating costs to under 6%, is the largest, most efficient and most comprehensive poverty-relief organization in the San Fernando Valley. MEND’s mission is to relieve the effects of poverty by providing all the basic human needs while giving their clients the tools, education, training, support and opportunities necessary to start the transition out of poverty.

MEND was born as a volunteer-driven organization nearly four decades ago in a garage in suburbia, and today utilizes more than 2900 volunteers (and only 22 paid staffers) to implement its vast array of programs that provide food, clothing, medical, dental and vision care; job training, classes in English as a Second Language, literacy, computers, office skills, sewing and parenting; math, reading and science tutoring for kids; hot meals, food, clothing and showers to the homeless and a community wide adopt-a-family Christmas Program.

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