

**MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY**



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**Charity poker raises funds for the needy**

Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes is one of the celebrity guests at a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on Saturday, September 25, to raise vital funds for MEND – Meet Each Need with Dignity, the San Fernando Valley's largest poverty-relief organization.

The event will be held at the MEND Center at 10641 N. San Fernando Road, Pacoima, with secured valet parking provided. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. and the tournament begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Poker Buy-in is \$100. Blackjack gaming and spectator viewing is \$40 per person. Prizes, food and wine are included and the evening promises to be a great night out. All proceeds from the evening benefit MEND's comprehensive services to laid-off workers, the homeless, and others whose income falls below the federal poverty line.

Marianne Haver Hill, MEND President and CEO, says the event raises funds critical to MEND's operation and, of course, to those most in need.

“In July this year we gave out 43% more food boxes than the same month last year. Foodbanks all over the country are seeing the same thing. We know people want to help and this is a great way to do so and also have a fun night out.”

For sponsorship opportunities or more information and to reserve your individual seat at a poker table, call: 818-686-7341.

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## **ABOUT MEND**

MEND serves as many as 30,000 poverty-level clients each month while remarkably keeping operating costs at or under 5%. It is the largest, most efficient and most comprehensive poverty-relief organization in the San Fernando Valley. MEND's mission is to break the bonds of poverty by providing basic human needs and a pathway to self-reliance.