



MEET EACH NEED WITH DIGNITY

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What: MEND's Viva Italia Fundraiser
Supporting MEND's Emergency Food Program

Who: Marianne Haver Hill, Executive Director, MEND

Sponsors of Viva Italia: PhRMA, Theresa & Blasé Bonpane, Office of the Americas, The Gas Company, Providence/Holy Cross Medical Center, Rob & Joanne Smith, and Primestor

Community Members and Supporters of MEND

Where: MEND Center
10641 San Fernando Road
Pacoima, CA 91331

CELEBRATE ITALIAN STYLE AT MEND'S VIVA ITALIA FUNDRAISER

Pacoima, CA – Meeting Each Need with Dignity (MEND), the largest poverty center in the San Fernando Valley, is gearing up for next Saturday's fun-filled evening of celebration and amazing food with its *Viva Italia*, a fundraiser to benefit the needy of the San Fernando Valley.

MEND is one of the premiere non-profit agencies in the San Fernando Valley, serving over 40,000 clients each month. Since moving into a new facility last spring, the number of clients being served has risen by more than 50%. MEND provides emergency food, clothing, medical and dental care, job skills training and job placement assistance, ESL classes, a computer lab, and a Christmas program.

As if great Italian food were not enough, guests will also be treated to an evening of great entertainment and a raffle where some lucky guests will take home prizes.

“Without the generosity of our sponsors, many of our programs would not be possible”, said Marianne Haver Hill, Executive Director of MEND. The sponsors of the *Viva Italia* are PhRMA, Theresa &



Blasé Bonpane, Office of the Americas, The Gas Company, Providence/Holy Cross Medical Center, Rob and Joanne Smith, and Primestor.

It is not too late to be late be apart of the *Viva Italia* fun and to support this great cause. Tickets are still on sale. For ticket information and additional information on this event, please call Sharon Ulmer (818) 891-5196 or Carolyn Rose (818) 894-3361.

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