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## **Construction Progress on MEND's Exciting New Facility**

Since the groundbreaking last June, MEND has made substantial progress on the construction of its new 40,000 square-foot facility at 10641 San Fernando Road in Pacoima. This new facility is quickly on its way to holding MEND's expanding programs and services for those in need in the Northeast Valley. The design firm of RE Lee Design and Construction has made phenomenal progress and MEND is very impressed with their work. The framing is complete! You can see pictures of the most recent progress on MEND's website at [www.mendpoverty.org](http://www.mendpoverty.org) in the Capital Expansion section.

MEND is very appreciative of the generous support of the business community and charitable foundations that have helped make this possible. San Fernando Valley businesses that have donated funds to sponsor departments and rooms in the new MEND Center include Kaiser Permanente, Zenith Insurance, Providence St. Joseph's and Providence Holy Cross Medical Centers, Agora Realty and Management, and Advanced Business Systems.

MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) was founded in 1971 and is now the largest and most comprehensive poverty agency in the San Fernando Valley, serving more than 38,000 low-income people each month. In 2004, over 1,800 MEND volunteers provided emergency food, clothing, medical and dental care, English as a Second Language classes, job placement, computer and job training, Christmas baskets, home visiting and other services to low-income families. The agency outgrew its present 20,000 square foot center on Van Nuys Boulevard several years ago, and after an extensive search, purchased land and made plans for the new facility.

Once completed, the new building will house an enlarged health clinic including medical, dental and vision services for uninsured patients; space for MEND's foodbank, now the 9<sup>th</sup> largest in California; a spacious clothing distribution center; shower facilities for the homeless; a hospitality center that will seat more than 200 applicants, and administrative offices. The current MEND Center will be retained and the agency's education and training department, including computer lab, will be expanded.

- WHAT:** Framing is complete at MEND's new facility and we invite you to take a tour.
- WHERE:** 10641 San Fernando Road Pacoima, CA 91331 (Corner of San Fernando and Pierce)
- WHEN:** Tours are available by appointment.

**Media Note:** MEND staff, volunteers and representatives are available to give tours of the new and existing facilities and to give interviews. For more information, please contact Marianne Haver Hill at 818-896-0246