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MEND Invites You to Attend
“Come and See”
A Photojournalist’s Journey into the World of Mother Teresa

A charitable afternoon of Victorian Tea with Linda Schaefer, author and photojournalist, will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2006** at 12:00 pm at **Chaminade College Preparatory Middle School Student Center**, Chatsworth, CA to benefit **MEND** (Meet Each Need with Dignity). Schaefer, a former CNN editor and photojournalist, was the last professional granted full access to this Nobel Prize winner and soon to be sainted nun. Schaefer lived, worked and photographed in the orphanages and houses of dying under the care of Mother Teresa’s order, Missionaries of Charity. She took thousands of stills, the best of which were selected for this rare glimpse of a true phenomenon.

- WHAT:** “Come and See” A Victorian Tea featuring Linda Schaefer’s book “Come and See”
A Photojournalist’s Journey into the World of Mother Teresa.
- WHEN:** Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 12:00 pm
12pm Silent Auction
2pm Tea
3pm Program
4pm Book Signing
- WHERE:** Chaminade College Preparatory Middle School Student Center
19800 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, CA
- WHO:** Linda Schaefer, world renowned photojournalist

Proceeds from the event will benefit MEND’s many services that assist low income families in the Northeast Valley. MEND 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 2005, over 2,100 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 building on Van Nuys Boulevard and construction is in progress on the new 40,000 square-foot facility where MEND will expand its services to many more clients.

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 9th 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

Media Note: MEND staff, volunteers and representatives are available for interviews. For more information, please contact Marianne Haver Hill at 818-896-0246