



McCurdy Ministries Community Center is Creating Hope & Empowering Lives

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McCurdy Ministries 2016–17 Annual Report

McCurdy Ministries Community Center is expanding our ministries in the Española Valley



Hope is essential to the human spirit! Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” For over 100 years McCurdy has worked to create hope in the lives of our students which is why we have been called the “light in the Valley.” As of Aug. 1, 2017, we took the name McCurdy Ministries

Community Center (MMCC) and have recommitted our ministries and our resources to “Creating Hope and Empowering Lives” of children, youth, adults and families in the Española Valley. A 2011 *Psychology Today* article by Scott Barry Kaufman says, “Hope involves the will to get there, and different ways to get there.” The truth is McCurdy has always worked hard to be a light, a place of hope and opportunity. Now as we transition to a community center we want to help children, youth, adults and families find their own light and hope, find the will to improve their lives, the skills they need and the paths to get there.

While doing research on community needs, we learned many parents are unable to work on their High School Equivalency Certificates because they do not have childcare. In October, MMCC started an Adult Education Program on our campus in collaboration with Northern New Mexico College (NNMC). To better meet the needs of parents, with the help of a grant from the Northern New Mexico United Way, we have added quality childcare when adult education classes are held on our campus. Classes include English as a Second Language (ESL), Math 1 and 2, Math tutoring and Spanish ESL. We are also collaborating with the Rio Arriba Adult Literacy Program (RAALP) so tutors can do literacy coaching on our campus with childcare provided when the library is not open in the evenings.

We are working on a micro level to help individual children, youth, adults and families accomplish their goals and we are working on a macro level to increase the hope and opportunities the nonprofits, service providers and government agencies of the Española Valley can offer to our residents. Our work with NNMC and RAALP are first steps in our plans to collaborate with other nonprofits, service providers and government agencies in our community. In the next 18 months we will develop a Nonprofit Hub on our campus with organizations whose mission is similar to ours. We will rent low cost building space to those organizations and develop program partnerships with other organizations. These efforts will result in a Nonprofit Council for the community and a concerted effort to work together to impact our community issues.

Our work to build hope is made possible by the unwavering support of our donors! We thank you and we offer this annual report as our way of being accountable to you. With hope! **Diana Loomis, MMCC Director of Development/Church Relations**



Española enthusiastically supports MMCC

As McCurdy began to put our plans to become a community center into action, our first step was a conversation with Española mayor, Alice Lucero, who pledged to help our efforts. The second step was the Española Planning Commission. When we reported on our Master Plan for the campus, the commission broke into spontaneous applause three times and spoke glowingly of our plans. The third step was the Española City Council who unanimously approved the zoning change needed to move our Master Plan forward. All of our city counselors also spoke positively about our plans. Finally, after the zoning change our Master Plan was unanimously approved by the Española Planning and Land Use Commission. McCurdy is grateful for and blessed by the enthusiastic support of our community leaders!



The new charter school building is open

The first day of school for McCurdy Charter School was Sept. 5. That day was also the first day their 550 students used their new classroom building. Their 11 acre campus now includes Memorial Gym, Pringle Cafeteria Building, the football field and the new classroom building on the west side of the irrigation ditch.

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McCurdy Ministries Community Center is working to create hope & empower lives

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The Creating Hope, Empowering Lives Capital Campaign for our campus

As FBT Architects worked on a pro bono basis with McCurdy to develop the Master Plan for our campus over the last 18 months we prioritized five key buildings:

1. Cole High School which will become Cole Adult Ministries Center
2. Hovermale Elementary School which will become the Children’s Ministries Center
3. Bachman Hall which will become a new and expanded Retreat Center with an industrial kitchen and dining facilities.
4. McCracken Gym which will become McCracken Teen Center
5. The Bus Barn which will become a new Maintenance Building.

The plan is to rehab these buildings to better suit our new focus as McCurdy Ministries Community Center. Our priorities were making each building energy efficient including new insulation/window/stucco envelopes, wherever possible adapting flat roofs to pitched metal roofs, installing a solar array and other solar energy applications to reduce our energy consumption, making each of these buildings and our campus handicapped accessible, and installing new zoned HVAC systems so that the steam power plant that heats four of these buildings can be decommissioned and energy efficient applications can be installed. Making these changes will reduce our maintenance and energy costs so more of McCurdy’s funds can be directed to our ministries. For more information on our Master Plan and Capital Campaign go to our webpage at <http://mccurdy.org/pdf.html> to find pdfs of our September, June and March 2017 newsletters which outline our plans for the campus and our ministries in more detail.

Several years ago McCurdy hired Jennifer Tyler of Tyler Associates, a fundraising consultant who specializes in national United Methodist campaigns to determine whether there is support among McCurdy’s constituents for a Capital Campaign to revitalize our ministries and our campus. A thorough summary of her report can be found online at <http://mccurdy.org/documents/newsletter/McCurdy%20Message%20Sept%202017-website-PDF.pdf>. This comment captures the spirit of the feedback given: “If the funds could be raised solely on the reputation and appreciation of the excellent and faithful service for which McCurdy is known, there would be no problem in fully funding the plan in three years.” Upon Ms. Tyler’s recommendation to move forward with a phased Capital Campaign starting with Cole Adult Education Center, the MMCC Board unanimously voted to proceed. Currently, we are in the Silent Phase of the campaign and are recruiting members of our National Steering Committee. We are pleased to announce that Sid Strebeck, businessman from Clovis, NM and lay leader of the New Mexico Annual Conference has agreed to be the nation chair of this committee. We expect the national launch of our campaign to occur next spring.



Preschoolers enjoying playing in the sand box on the preschool playground.

Early childhood education provides hope for a lifetime of achievement

In the United States, educators have been stressing the critical importance of early childhood education. Research shows that children who attend preschool and therefore have an early childhood educational intervention in their lives, are far more likely to graduate from high school. Unfortunately, there are only classroom spots for 39% of the preschoolers in Española so keeping McCurdy’s Preschool Program strong is critical. For the 2017–18 school year we are continuing our free morning NM PreK and low cost faith based afternoon preschool. As soon as the state allows, during the 2018–19 school year we plan to expand to an all day, free four year old NM PreK. Then the following year, once building improvements have been made to the Children’s Ministries Center we plan to expand to two, all day four year old preschool classes. We are grateful for an excellent, dedicated and faithful preschool staff who do an excellent job of preparing our students for kindergarten. It is not unusual for our teachers to get thank you letters from parents after their children have started kindergarten noting that their child is better prepared for school than most. Most of all we thank the New Mexico Children Youth and Family Department and the many individual donors who support our early childhood programs.



A Project Cariño Big Buddy and Little Buddy enjoy time together.

Project Cariño provides hope and help for our students

For 33 years Project Cariño has provided therapy free of charge to McCurdy students and their families. We employ one full time therapist, one half time school psychologist, two master’s level MSW student interns and one BSW student intern on staff. During the 2016–17 school year our counselors and intern shared over 2,600 contact hours with students doing therapy, classroom presentations, crisis interventions and the Big Buddy/Little Buddy and Celebrate Survival Programs. This year our counselors also started anti-bullying and grief survival support groups. Student therapy includes play therapy for younger students, talk therapy for older students and family therapy when appropriate. The difference Project Cariño makes with our students is best demonstrated by a testimony from a student receiving therapy. “Project Cariño has been a great help to me. I was dealing with problems at home and in school. I felt alone, worthless, stupid and like I had no place anywhere. Then one day when I couldn’t take it anymore, someone took me to Project Cariño and introduced me to Ms. Amanda. I thank God I met her. She has impacted my life in such a positive way. She has also inspired me to become a social worker because now I can see a positive future where I am useful. Thanks to her and this program I feel like I have a place in this world.” We thank the Montei Foundation, the Northern New Mexico United Way, the Con Alma Foundation and all the individuals, churches and UMW units who make this priceless ministry possible.



An ASC student enjoys a snack and help with homework.

A time for safe fun

The number one time that children get in trouble with drugs, sex, alcohol and the law is 3 to 5 PM so fun, educational faith based After School Care is critical to the safety of our students. McCurdy Ministries cares for 19 preschool to 6th grade students every school day through this faith based program. At After School Care students experience free play, snacks, homework help and educational games as well as faith building art, crafts, drama and Bible study. A small tuition is charged to help support the program but families that qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch are eligible for financial aid. We look forward to expanding this program to the whole community next fall. We are grateful to the donors and volunteers that support After School Care and help keep our students safe while having fun, learning and sharing the faith.



McCurdy volunteers work on a carpentry project.

McCurdy individual and team volunteers are signs of hope in our Community

Our United Methodists who come to McCurdy as individual volunteers or on Volunteer in Mission Teams are important to our ministry but this spring and summer they were critical. Our volunteers working with our excellent maintenance staff made it possible for the portable classrooms to be rehabbed into new offices and program space for Project Cariño. They worked to help us convert the Cole Library into a Community Room and History Gallery, and the west classrooms in Cole into two classrooms, a computer lab and a handicapped accessible bathroom for the Adult Education Program. They also converted the old Project Cariño house into a bright, welcoming Childcare House for the Adult Education Program. Volunteers help in classrooms, with programming, maintenance, construction, administration and office work. We have tasks for every ability, energy level and interest and as we update our campus, our volunteers will be even more critical to our ministries. Most importantly we deeply appreciate the love of Christ our volunteers share with our students, staff and community every day. We are grateful for and thank all of our volunteers who come to McCurdy, work hard and donate funds to support all aspects of our ministries. You are a blessing!

A time for summer learning

The “summer slide” is the well documented loss of learning that occurs over the summer break if a student doesn’t participate in a summer learning program. Camp Stars which was created to combat the “summer slide,” is our six week, 35 hours per week, summer educational enrichment camp which includes STEM education (science, technology, engineering and math) learning and faith sharing through Vacation Bible School fun and service. This year 31 campers from kindergarten to 6th grade participated in this camp which includes science experiments, math exercises, field trips, service projects, art, drama, crafts and singing all while learning more about God, Jesus and our Christian faith. We thank the Montei Foundation for being the major donor to Camp Stars for the fifth summer. They make this camp possible. We also thank the Rio Arriba County Summer Food Program for providing breakfast and lunch for our Camp Stars participants.



Three Camp Stars students learn about geology.

A time to feed hungry students

McCurdy Ministries is the vendor for the McCurdy Charter School Breakfast and Lunch Program and we also feed our preschoolers every school day. Although the majority of meal cost is reimbursed by USDA, McCurdy Ministries financially supports this program because federal reimbursements are not enough to feed our children the healthiest of meals. For the 2016–17 school year we fed 5,356 breakfasts and 60,636 lunches to our preschool and K–12 students. Research shows that hungry children don’t learn and many of our children don’t get regular meals at home because they live in poverty, so we know this aspect of our ministry is critical. More importantly our breakfast and lunch program reflects the importance of Jesus’ command to, “Feed my sheep.” We thank the donors that help make sure there are not hungry students on our campus.



MMCC preschoolers enjoy a family style lunch together with their teachers every school day. PHOTO BY RICH SAXON



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Mellie Perkins Society recognizes our donors who provide hope through empowering McCurdy programming

The dream to start McCurdy began 105 years ago when children in Velarde, NM, asked a visitor, Mellie Perkins, a United Brethren deaconess who later became McCurdy’s founder, “Will you come be our teacher?” What an audacious, full of hope question that was! Mellie responded by learning Spanish, convincing the United Brethren Mission Society to buy an abandoned school building in Velarde and starting a school. What many McCurdy donors do not know is Mellie not only started the school, she also started Velarde UMC and acted as a nurse for the community. McCurdy Ministries’ plans to expand our ministries by becoming a community center harkens back to the days of our founding by Mellie Perkins.

On Aug. 1, 2017, the first day we began using the name McCurdy Ministries Community Center, Diana Loomis received a sad but very inspiring phone call from the trustee of the Wayne and Vera Eby Trust. The trustee informed us that Mrs. Eby had passed away at almost 100 years of age and her husband Wayne had passed away a decade earlier. The trustee went on to share that the McCurdy Foundation would be receiving over \$170,000 from their estate and the interest from this investment is to be used for McCurdy programming. He said the Eby’s were lifelong United Methodists. Later I learned they were first United Brethren and years ago their only daughter had come to McCurdy for a work camp. That experience must have profoundly impacted her and her parents, because when the Eby’s daughter died tragically in an automobile accident while she was attending college, they made a decision to support ministries with children through their life and through their estate plans. Their generosity and our learning of their plans on the first day we were a Community Center was a blessing from God! This blessing reminds us when we seek to do God’s will, God makes a way. It is blessings such as these that inspired the McCurdy Ministries Board to start the Mellie Perkins

Society to recognize our donors who make McCurdy a part of their estate plans. If you have remembered McCurdy in your will, made McCurdy a beneficiary of an insurance policy, a bank account or an IRA, set up a gift annuity or endowment with McCurdy as beneficiary, remembered McCurdy through your trust or made a donation to the McCurdy Foundation we invite you to be a member of the Mellie Perkins Society. Please contact Rev. Diana Loomis, director of development/church relations, at 505-753-7221, ext. 352, or email her at dloomis@mccurdy.org to let her know your intention and she will send you a Bequest Information Form to fill out and return to McCurdy. We list the members of the Mellie Perkins Society in our Annual Report in thanksgiving for the ways each donor has blessed God’s ministry at McCurdy.

Our gratitude to the following persons who remembered McCurdy Ministries in their estates during the 2016–17 fiscal year:

Lawrence Bowmar Trust, Wayne and Vera Eby Trust, Ruby Hale Estate, William and Mary Hartman Trust, Doris Higgins Estate, Ruth Holland Trust, Mary Moon Estate, Alma Mountain Estate,

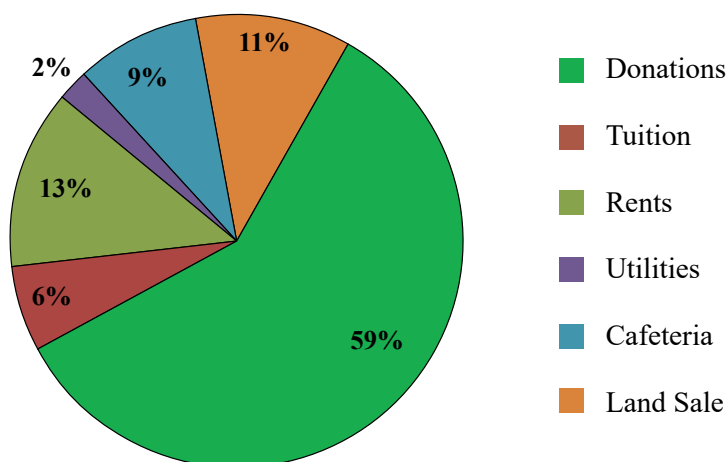
Our gratitude to the following persons who have informed us McCurdy has been remembered in their estate plans:

Pat Alexander, Marijean Backman Ambrose, Rev. Chuck Chipman, Rev. Sanford and Mrs. Mary Ellen Coon, Fern Heim, Doris Higgins, Tom and Sandy Hofmann, Betty Letzig, Rev. Diana Loomis, Holly Ludlam, Virginia McQuiston, William and Carol Mead, Virgil and Irma Jean Sancken

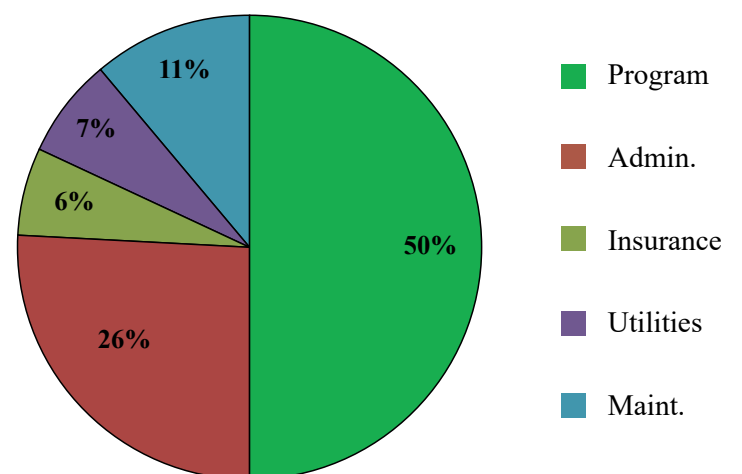
McCurdy Ministries 2016–17 finances at a glance

For McCurdy’s 2016–17 fiscal year which ran from August 1 to July 31, we had 914 active donors and our total donor revenue was \$1,033,390. We received donations from individuals, churches, UMW units, annual conferences and foundations from across the country with the majority of donations coming from New Mexico, Colorado, Ohio, New York, Iowa, Texas, Indiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Missouri.

2016–17 Income



2016–17 Expenses



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