



## McCurdy Ministries

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### McCurdy Ministries is living out the seasons of our ministries

As Ecclesiastes says there are seasons and rhythms to our lives and to the lives of institutions like McCurdy. For the last 104 years McCurdy has had generation after generation of leaders who were willing to ask, “What is God calling us to do in this time and place?” Those leaders were willing to make changes and take risks in response to God’s vision for McCurdy and the entire Española Valley.

It was just such a risk that led Mellie Perkins, a United Brethren deaconess to found McCurdy School in 1912 and led McCurdy Superintendent Dr. Glen McCracken, to build McCracken Gym in 1933. McCracken Gym was the only gym between Santa Fe and Taos when it was built and when the gym was nearing completion it burned down. But McCurdy leaders never stopped dreaming. In response they started the first fire department in Española, rebuilt the gym and then opened it to the whole community for recreation. The first medical clinic and the first collegiate nursing program in Española were started on the McCurdy campus by United Brethren missionary doctors and nurses. The Española hospital was started by those same missionary doctors and nurses with the financial support of the Pack family whose son is a

McCurdy graduate. McCurdy leaders made the decision to open McCurdy Charter School on our campus in August of 2012 expanding the number of students from 237 when the mission school closed to 532 students this school year. It is this same spirit of leadership that has led the McCurdy Ministries Board of Trustees to approve McCurdy Ministries’ transition to a Community Center over the next several years which will mean the continuation of the services we provide to the charter school and an expansion of the services we provide to the community.

Every generation of McCurdy leaders has been willing to look at the changing needs of the community and make changes to our ministries to meet those needs which means we are *living out the seasons of our ministries* in response to God’s call in Española. Rev. Diana Loomis, McCurdy Ministries director of development says, “With each new generation of leadership McCurdy Ministries has taken the best of the old, put it with the best of the new and moved into the future with hope. In this 2015-16 McCurdy Ministries Annual Report we seek to celebrate McCurdy’s past, present and future. We celebrate all of McCurdy’s seasons!”



### Charter School construction update

In every season of life there are joys and there are sorrows especially when you have helped to “birth” another organization and they become independent. Late this summer McCurdy Ministries donated land, rent and buildings valued at \$1.4 million to McCurdy Charter School so that a new school could be built. Immediately the construction company began clearing the land for a new 38,000 square foot classroom building. On Sept. 9, 2016, groundbreaking was held. As the photo above shows construction is progressing rapidly. The foundation has been poured and the structure is being erected. Some have asked McCurdy Ministries staff, “Isn’t it bittersweet to see this transition occur?” It is bittersweet to know McCurdy Ministries will never be a K-12 school again, but it is also exciting to see 532 students thriving in school and even more exciting to know that as a Community Center McCurdy Ministries will have an equally powerful impact on the Española Valley.

### McCurdy Ministries’ Community Center Plans



In the seasons of human life and the seasons of organizations like McCurdy Ministries there are fallow times and growth times. Any tree farmer will tell you the best time of year to plant a tree is after hard frost in the fall. When planted in the fall the roots have time to grow and become stronger over the winter. On the surface it looks as if nothing is changing but come spring a strong root system means a strong tree that will thrive.

This fall and winter McCurdy Ministries is going through a fallow time. On the outside it looks as if nothing is changing MCS students are attending classes in our buildings and our preschool, after school care, breakfast and lunch, mental health and volunteer programs are running efficiently. Over the last five months Patricia Alvarado, executive director, and Diana Loomis, development/church relations director, have been meeting with area nonprofits, government agencies and service providers to share our plans to become a Community Center and to ask, “What are your needs? How can McCurdy Ministries Community Center help you make a difference in the valley?” We have met with over 18 nonprofits, service providers and agencies over the last several months exploring ways to cooperate to strengthen the Española Valley. Our Community Center plans have been met with great excitement. In addition, FBT Architects (who designed the new MCS building) are working pro bono to create a new master plan for our 29 acre campus so we will have buildings and spaces that will help us turn our ministry plans into reality.

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### Anticipating the possibilities of new life



After the fallow time of winter there is nothing more exciting than seeing the trees, shrubs and plants begin to leaf out and bloom in spring and as Christians we know the realities of new life are amazing! At McCurdy Ministries we are anticipating the first signs of our new Community Center ministries just like we anticipate Easter and spring. And we will share those first signs of our new ministries at our first annual **Donor Appreciation Dinner** at 6 PM, Saturday, Feb. 25, in McCracken Gym. We will invite our donors to be our guests for dinner to thank them for their generosity to our ministries. That night we will share in-depth our future plans for ministry with our guests. In addition, we will unveil the new master plan for our 29 acre campus which is being created by FBT Architects on a pro bono basis. The evening will be an exciting time to share our answer to the question, “What is God calling McCurdy Ministries to do in the Española Valley?” We believe the planning we do in the next five years will make a difference in the valley for the next 100 years. Find more information on the **Donor Appreciation Dinner** on page one of this newsletter.

### Enjoying the fruits of our labors



After all the planning and dreaming described in our fall, winter and spring seasons the final growth phase is summer and that is when we will begin to see the fruits of our labors take shape. As we struggled for four years to secure financing for the new McCurdy Charter School building it sometimes felt that McCurdy Ministries would never get to celebrate the strengthening of our existing ministries and the launch of our new Community Center ministries. The good news is we anticipate we will be ready for a “soft launch” of several ministries during the 2016-17 school year including the expansion from half day to full day for our free four year old CYFD funded preschool, the launch of Wednesday Comunidad a mid-week ministry including dinner and faith based programming for adults, youth and children in cooperation with Santa Cruz and Valley View UMCs and the launch of our GED classes with childcare. Then by fall of 2018 we plan the Grand Opening of the McCurdy Ministries Community Center. At that time our programs will include all of our existing programs outlined on this page and the opening of the Adult Ministries Center, the Teen Center, the Nonprofit Hub, the Children’s Ministries Center.

At McCurdy Ministries we are entering into a time of planning and change. We ask you to be in prayer for our ministries, our students and our staff as we seek to live out God’s will for our future.



*Preschoolers enjoying play ground equipment donated by the Sunday School children of Good Shepherd UMC in Colorado Springs*

### A time for early childhood education

McCurdy is committed to preschool because the top indicator whether or not a child graduates from high school is early childhood education. Unfortunately, there are only classroom spots for 39% of the preschoolers in Española so keeping McCurdy’s Preschool Program strong is critical. For the 2016-17 school year we are continuing our free morning and low cost faith based afternoon preschool. During the 2017-18 school year we plan to expand to an all day free four year old preschool. Thanks to the New Mexico CYFD and many individual donors who support the preschool.

### A time for healing our students

For 32 years Project Cariño has provided therapy free of charge to McCurdy students and their families. Currently, we have two full time therapists and one master’s level student intern on staff. During the 2015-16 school year our counselors and intern shared over 2,600 contact hours with students doing therapy, classroom presentations, crisis interventions, the Big Buddy/Little Buddy Program, the Peer Conflict Mediation Program and the Celebrate Survival Program. Student therapy includes play therapy for younger students, talk therapy for older students and family therapy when appropriate. We believe Project Cariño plays an important part in McCurdy Ministries and MCS students succeeding in school and in life and is an integral part of the McCurdy formula to support our students. We thank the Montei Foundation, the Northern New Mexico United Way, the Con Alma Foundation, the McCurdy Gala and the individuals, churches and UMW units who make this priceless ministry possible.

*McCurdy Ministries Big Buddies, Little Buddies and the McCurdy Ministries’ counselors and intern enjoy a field trip together to the New Mexico Museum last May.*



**McCurdy Ministries is helping students and families**

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Two ASC students enjoy a craft project. (Photo by Rich Saxon)

### 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 23 preschool to 6th grade students every school day through this faith based program. We look forward to the day when we have additional space to expand this program. At After School Care students experience free play, snacks, homework help, 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 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.



A McCurdy volunteer waters the garden at the retreat center)

### A time for volunteering

Our United Methodists who come to McCurdy as individual volunteers or on Volunteer in Missions Teams are critical to our ministry. With a full time staff of 15 and six part time staff members McCurdy Ministries simply cannot do all the work necessary to keep our ministries strong without volunteer help. Volunteers help in classrooms and with programs, do maintenance and construction projects and help with administration. We have tasks for every ability, energy level and interest. Most importantly they share the love of Christ with our students and staff every day. Our volunteers show our 500+ students what it means to be the hands of Christ 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.



### 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 fourth summer and our donors who make this camp possible.



Two Camp Stars students demonstrate their science project.

### A time to feed hungry students

McCurdy Ministries is the vendor for the MCS Breakfast and Lunch Program and we 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 2015-16 school year we fed 6,055 breakfasts and 56,566 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.” Through this program we are acting as the hands of Christ to feed our precious children and youth.



We are grateful to the donors that generously helped make sure there are not hungry students on our campus.

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## Mellie Perkins Society recognizes donors who remember McCurdy in every season of their lives



The dream to start McCurdy began 104 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 since she was trained in healthcare she acted as a nurse for the community. McCurdy Ministries’ plans to expand our ministries and become a community center harkens back to the beginning days of our founding by Mellie Perkins.

Recently, while sitting in a meeting with FBT Architects working on the new master plan for the McCurdy campus, Diana Loomis received a call from the personal representative of a McCurdy donor. We were sad to hear that this donor who had faithfully given to McCurdy every month for years recently passed away. The donor’s representative called to tell us McCurdy Ministries was the primary beneficiary of her estate. This was a woman who was a school teacher for 38 years, was raised United Brethren and lived modestly yet faithfully. To our surprise her gift to our ministries and the children of the Española Valley will total approximately \$500,000! Her generosity, in the midst of our plans to become a Community Center, felt like a blessing from God. This blessing reminds us when we seek to do

God’s will, God will make 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](mailto: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 2015-16 fiscal year:

Ruby Hale Estate, Rev. Sam and Juanita Hahn Estate, Floma Taylor Estate, Myrle Miller Estate, Seitz Memorial Trust

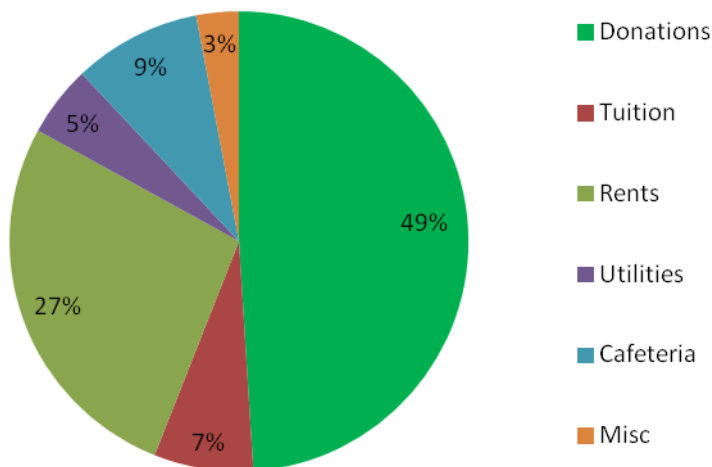
### Our gratitude to the following persons who have informed us McCurdy has been remembered in their estate plans:

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

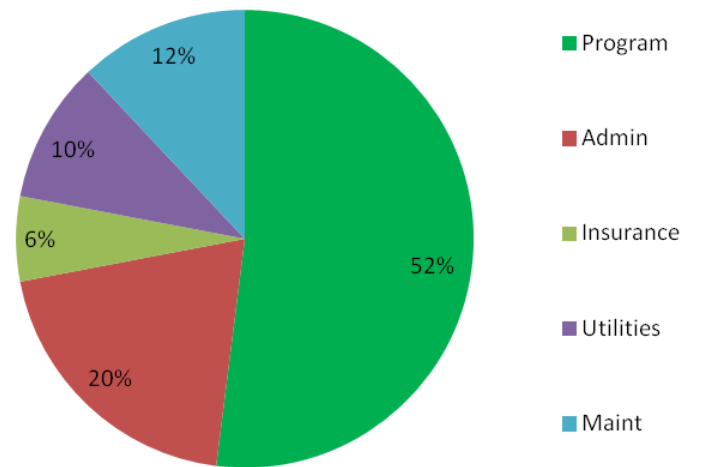
## McCurdy Ministries 2015-16 finances at a glance

For McCurdy’s 2015-16 fiscal year which ran from August 1 to July 31, we had 1,089 active donors and our total donor revenue was \$783,344. 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, Ohio, New York, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, Indiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Oklahoma and Missouri.

### McCurdy Ministries 2015-16 Income



### McCurdy Ministries 2015-16 Expenses



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