



An outreach of The United Methodist Church

McCurdy Ministries Community Center

A place of hope & possibilities

McCurdy Ministries Community Center creates hope and empowers lives through education, life skills and faith based programming for children, youth, adults and families in the Española Valley. In a community where 86% of the population is Hispanic, 32% live under the Federal Poverty Line, 22% of those over 25 have not graduated from high school or earned a GED and 60% of the children are being raised by their grandparents, our programs include free morning Pre-K, a breakfast and lunch program that feeds 332 meals a day, school based mental health services, GED and literacy coaching for adults, faith based afternoon preschool, after school, summer camp and Volunteers in Mission programs. Overall McCurdy's programs impact the lives of more than 550 students and their families every day!

Project Cariño

Project Cariño, McCurdy's school based mental health program, was founded by a UMW Prayer and Self Denial grant 35 years ago. This school year Project Cariño's two counselors and four interns provided over 3600 contact hours of therapy, support groups, crisis interventions, educational presentations and administrative support to McCurdy Charter School and MMCC's preschool and after school programs. Last summer Project Cariño moved to two portable classrooms which were purchased years ago with the help of a UMW Prayer and Self Denial Grant. The portable classrooms were completely remodeled to include four offices, play therapy rooms, bathrooms, kitchen, dining and living room spaces for clients to gather for supportive programs.

Project Cariño transforms lives! One therapy client describes her Project Cariño experience,

"Project Cariño has been a great help to me. I was dealing with problems at home and in school. I felt alone, worthless, stupid... Then one day when I couldn't take it anymore, someone... introduced me to (my counselor) 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."



A Project Cariño Big Buddy/Little Buddy duo enjoy fellowshiping together



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Adult Education

Our newest program is our Adult Education Program which includes High School Equivalency Classes with free childcare in cooperation with Northern New Mexico College. This program will soon expand to include literacy tutoring provided by Rio Arriba Adult Literacy Program and adult continuing education classes provided by Northern New Mexico College.

Breakfast and Lunch Program

MMCC is the vendor for the McCurdy Charter School Breakfast and Lunch program. We feed 5,356 breakfasts and 60,636 lunches every school year. Research shows that hungry students don't learn and every year between 60 to 80% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Providing these meals is one way we act as the hands of Christ to feed a hurting world.

Early Childhood Education

The most important indicator whether a child will graduate from high school is preschool attendance. With preschool spots for only 39% of the children in the Española Valley, McCurdy is planning to expand our excellent free morning Pre-K program and our low cost afternoon faith based preschool. Our highly trained, loving staff profoundly impact these little lives. One parent said, ***"This Pre-K program is excellent! My child has shown tremendous growth since the last two years of day-care."***

After School Care

The number one time that children get in trouble with drugs, sex, alcohol and the law is 3 to 5:30 PM across the United States, so providing a safe, enjoyable and



After School Care students enjoy the playground.



challenging after school program during this time is essential to our students. Currently, up to 25 preschool to 6th graders enjoy snacks, free play, games, crafts, Bible study and homework assistance in McCurdy's After School Care. Next fall we are planning to expand this program to four classes of 20 students

Camp Stars

Camp Stars, our summer camp which combines Vacation Bible School with the best of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education is a huge success every summer. The camp runs seven hours a day for six weeks and is open to students entering kindergarten to sixth grade. Not only do students learn STEM and Bible skills but they participate in hands on mission projects to make God's difference in our community. One camper shared, ***"I like going to camp and learning how to be God's hero."***

Come volunteer at McCurdy!

Our supporters are important so we invite you to volunteer at McCurdy to do hands on mission work as a Volunteer in Mission, Emergency Response or Nomad team. We also welcome individual volunteers and when individual volunteers stay for two weeks your room is free. We appreciate our individual volunteers who volunteer with us a month or a year. We'll provide rooms with beds and semi-private bathrooms, show you our beautiful mountains, cook for you and help you make God's difference in our community.



Preschoolers playing in a sandbox.

To learn more about McCurdy Ministries Community Center please visit our website at www.mccurdy.org or contact Rev. Diana Loomis, director of development/church relations, by writing to 362A S. McCurdy Road, Española, NM 87532, emailing dloomis@mccurdy.org or calling 505-753-7221. We would love to hear from you!