

Thank you for considering a gift to the McCurdy Ministries Community Center Creating Hope, Empowering Lives Campaign. God has sustained McCurdy over 100 years to show the love of Christ and extend help to the children, youth, and families in the Española Valley. Because

of this campus redevelopment plan, we will be able to partner with other community agencies to multiply our efforts in serving the needs of children, youth, adults and families in the Española Valley.

We will provide a Nonprofit Hub on our campus where nonprofits, agencies and service providers can serve children, youth and their families which removes travel barriers so families can receive needed services more easily. Partnering with other institutions will mean we can provide adult education, grand parenting support, financial planning, computer literacy, adult literacy and high school equivalency classes to our community. We also plan to expand our mental health counseling, after school care, preschool and summer camp services to the broader community.

Your gift to the *Creating Hope*, *Empowering Lives* Campaign will make a lasting impact. Children and youth will experience growth in educational and life skills so they can advocate for themselves and others. Adults will be able to tap into high school equivalency financial planning, parenting support, literacy coaching, adult continuing education, economic development and faith enhancing classes and opportunities. There will also be support groups and educational opportunities for grandparents since 60% of the children in our community are being raised by their grandparents!

God continues bless us with children, youth and families to serve, volunteers with helping hands and loving hearts to make God's difference and loving donors to give. I hope you will join us in making a gift. It will make a difference! God bless you. Patricia A. Alvarado, Executive Director



Since we have been publically sharing our new Master Plan for our campus development and the Creating Hope, Empowering **Lives Campaign** with our donors and friends the response in our community and around the country has been inspiring! When our Master

Plan was presented to the Española Planning and Zoning Commission they broke into applause three times. As I have shared our long range strategic plan for ministry with volunteers they have expressed excitement about the difference McCurdy Ministries Community Center will make in the name of Jesus. Many say, "I got chills thinking about McCurdy's future." Others are excited about our passion for making God's difference in Española. More and more persons are saying, "How can we help make your plans a reality?" All these responses are an incredible blessing to our minis-

As we have asked the question, "What is God calling us to do in this time and place?" I believe this is a pivotal time for McCurdy Ministries Community Center and for the Española Valley. It is much like the time like when Mellie Perkins started McCurdy, when Dr. McCracken opened McCracken Gym to the entire community for free play and when McCurdy donors joined together to open the first hospital in the community. I believe the work we are doing in the next three



years will make 100 years of difference in the Española Valley. I hope you will support our efforts with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. With hope, Rev. Diana Loomis, Director of Development/Church Relations

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"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these people of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40





Preparing to Make Your Gift

thought provoking points and gift planning ideas

Three-Year Pledges are requested	A 3-year commitment allows you to participate in ways that may not otherwise be possible. Three-year pledges also enable McCurdy Ministries Community Center to plan wisely to stage in project start-up.
(2) Gifts are tax deductible & confidential	McCurdy Ministries Community Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, faith-based organization. All gifts to this campaign are tax deductible to the highest amount allowed by law.
Your gift is life changing and it has a purpose	Your commitment is a special gift that reaches beyond your heart to touch and empower the lives of children, youth, adults, and families through the programs and services of McCurdy Ministries Community Center.
You decide what to give, when to give and how to give	There are many ways to give. Make your gift decision a point of personal prayer, and reflective of your generosity. Friends are asked to begin paying toward commitments at the time they are made, or as soon as possible. Pledges may be paid in the form of personal checks, credit cards, or electronic funds transfer. Donors will receive periodic updates. Please make checks payable to McCurdy Ministries Community Center.

Gifts do not always have to be cash.

Gifts of appreciated property may qualify you for a tax break, while McCurdy Ministries Community Center benefits from the full value of your donation. Assume you hold shares of stock that you purchased for \$2,000, 5 years ago, which is now worth \$10,000. If you donate the stock instead of selling it first and giving the proceeds, you get a deduction for the stock's current market value, plus you **avoid paying the long-term capital gains tax** on the \$8,000 your investment has earned. McCurdy Ministries Community Center receives the full \$10,000 value of your donation. Here's an added advantage to donating stock or mutual fund shares.

If your portfolio incurred losses, you would typically write the losses off against your gains, minimizing capital gains tax. If you give away your gains, you can still use your losses to reduce your regular income. For most people, this produces a greater benefit since income tax rates are higher than the capital gains tax rate. Your tax advisor can guide you. If you are interested in donating appreciated assets, consult your tax advisor to make sure you qualify for the tax savings and discuss which gift option is best for you.

Other gift ideas

Securities and mutual funds

Treasury notes

Planned/estate gifts

IRAs & cash reserves

Investmenet & interest income

Dividends & tax refunds

Family trusts & inheritances

Gifts-in-kind, including services or items meeting approved specifications

Oil & mineral rights, royalities, options, and income from other resources

Crops & other business interests

Employer Matching Gifts

If you work for, or are retired from, a community-minded company, your contribution to McCurdy Community Center may be twice as valuable. Your employer may match your gift dollar for dollar. Some companies even double or triple the amount of an employee gift up to a certain amount, at no cost to the employee through the company's matching gifts program.

- Talk with the Human Resources Officer at your company to determine if a matching gift program is available. If so, request guidelines and the required matching gift forms.
- Complete and send the forms with your commitment card of donation to McCurdy. We will process the form and send it back to your employer. They will send the matching gift to McCurdy.

If you volunteer at McCurdy check to see if your company provides a matching grant based upon the number of volunteer hours.



Gifts from your retirement account

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 made permanent qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from individual retirement accounts. If you are 70½ years of age or older, you are eligible to make a gift under this new law. Such a gift permits annual direct transfers to McCurdy Ministries Community Center, a qualified charity, totaling up to \$100,000 of tax-deferred IRA savings.

Funds that have been distributed from your IRA to you, instead of direct to McCurdy cannot qualify because taxable IRA distributions to you personally, must be included in adjusted gross income. Talk with your trusted financial advisor about your desire to make a charitable gift to McCurdy Ministries Community Center using an IRA rollover. Ask about the most appropriate IRA for your use in making your gift. A receipt will be sent to you acknowledging your gift once it is received, to show that the gift was a qualified charitable distribution. Your IRA custodian will guide you in the necessary forms to assure appropriate distributions.