



At McCurdy Ministries we specialize in smiles, hope and opportunity!

McCurdy Ministries is located in a community with the highest death by heroin overdose rate in the United States, where 28% of the population lives under the federal poverty line and 25% of adults over 25 have not graduated from high school or earned a GED, McCurdy Ministries acts as the hands of Christ to help our 545 students and their families succeed in school and in

life. Through our support of McCurdy Charter School and the McCurdy Ministries' breakfast and lunch, mental health counseling, preschool, after school, summer camp and volunteer programs YOU help us touch the lives of more than 500 students every school day.

This Thanksgiving we thank you because your donations help us change lives!

The director of Project Cariño, our mental health counseling program, shared this story: *“Recently, a high school student helped us know how important our presence and work are for him. He shared he is not able to trust anyone, not even his parents, when it comes to getting emotional support. He has come to Project Cariño every week since school started to work on his self-confidence and to get help making big decisions. After a recent successful session he proclaimed, “Miss, I can’t trust anyone except you and I won’t let anyone help me except you.” This is a start for this student. He now knows some people are trustworthy and can be helpful. He spoke recently about dropping out of school because he is having a very hard time keeping his grades up. He now sees the light at the end of the tunnel and knows that by taking one assignment at a time, one class at a time and with a lot of focused attention and work, he can bring his grades up and can pass to the next grade. He has not dropped out of school, and he continues to work hard in school and to attend sessions at Project Cariño.* Project Cariño is our secret weapon against the high dropout rate and low graduation rate in our area. New Mexico has one of the lowest graduation rates in the country, but McCurdy Charter School has an 82% graduation rate while other area high schools have a graduation rate of 56%. By supporting the work Project Cariño and all our ministries YOU are helping our students succeed in school and in life!

On December 1, we invite you to support our ministries by donating to McCurdy Ministries' Advance #581479 on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Starting at 12 AM CST, Dec. 1, Global Ministries will match gifts up to \$2,500 or \$25,000 total for Advance institutions for as long as the \$1,000,000 match lasts at www.umcmmission.org/give and an anonymous McCurdy donor will match the first \$5,000 of gifts given to McCurdy through the Advance on Giving Tuesday. So \$100 given on the Advance website at McCurdy Ministries Advance #581479 at the start of Giving Tuesday has the potential to grow to a \$300 donation if it is matched by Global Ministries and McCurdy's donor! Please note that in Eastern Standard Time you can begin donating at 1 AM, Dec. 1. In Central Standard Time you can begin donating at 12 AM, Dec. 1. In Mountain Standard Time you can begin donating at 11 PM, Nov. 30. In Pacific Standard Time you can begin donating at 10 PM, Nov. 30.

If you have questions about Giving Tuesday please contact the McCurdy Ministries Director of Development/Church Relations, Rev. Diana Loomis, by mail at 362A S. McCurdy Road, Española, NM 87532, by email at dloomis@mccurdy.org, by phone at 505-753-7221, ext. 352 or by her cell phone at 505-901-3082.

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