



# McCurdy Ministries is Giving a future filled with hope!

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**McCurdy Ministries 2013-14 Annual Report**

## *For 102 years McCurdy has been making God's difference in Española, New Mexico through education and community service.*

In 2012 McCurdy made a major change by working with a community group to help open McCurdy Charter School on our campus which is related directly to the New Mexico Public Education Department and this fall the school has 536 students in kindergarten to 12th grades. Many persons have asked, "What is the United Methodist ministry doing now?" We are excited to say thanks to YOU and all our donors, we are giving a future filled with hope to the children youth and families of the Española Valley through Project Cariño (our mental health counseling program), through McCurdy Preschool, through After School Care, through Camp Stars (our summer camp that combines the best of STEM education and Vacation Bible School), through our Volunteer in Missions Program, by being the vendor for the MCS Breakfast and Lunch Program and by providing facilities for the charter school. Through this annual report we are sharing our thanks to you for your support and are sharing the many ways you are helping us *"give a future filled with hope"* in Española.



### *Giving a future filled with hope through McCurdy Preschool.*

Since 2000 McCurdy Preschool does an excellent job preparing children for kindergarten as one parent said, *"My son's new teacher informed me that he is quite a bit more advanced than the rest of his peers in class and I know that has a lot to do with the excellent instruction he received from you and the other teachers last year!"* McCurdy is committed to our preschool because the number one 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. We thank the donors that supported this program which provides an excellent educational start for our preschoolers and gives them a good foundation for the rest of their school years.



### *Giving a future filled with hope through Project Cariño.*

Since 1985 Project Cariño has provided therapy free of charge to McCurdy students and their families. Last school year we had two full time therapists, a student intern and a therapy dog named Compa, who conducted 1,152 therapy sessions, 52 referrals, six classroom presentations, 60 crisis interventions, 560 contact hours with the Big Buddy/Little Buddy program and 40 contact hours with the Peer Conflict Mediation Program. This year we are blessed

to have two counselors, three interns and Compa. Elementary School Principal, Kiva Duckworth-Moulton, describes Project Cariño saying, *"McCurdy Charter School is lucky in so many ways. The cottonwood wood trees tower over the grassy lawns, fed by the local acequia running through the property. As a start-up charter school we have been given much support by our families, neighbors, and our landlords—McCurdy*

*Ministries. One of the most amazing support systems they provide is Project Cariño. Project Cariño provides counseling services for our students with emotional needs and organizes the Big Buddy and Peer Mediation programs. Over the past two-plus years, the counselors have spent many hours seeing students, meeting with individual students, small groups, and providing support to teachers. They have provided anti-bullying presentations, brought Compa, the therapy dog to interact with the children, intervened in crisis situations, and do an amazing job of creating relationships with students who need a friend and mentor. I have the utmost respect for the counselors at Project Cariño, what they give to our student body is priceless."* We thank the Montei Foundation, the Santa Fe Community Foundation, the McCurdy Gala and the individuals, churches and UMW units who make this priceless ministry possible.



### *Giving a future filled with hope through Camp Stars.*

Summer of 2014 was our second year for Camp Stars, 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. We had 40 campers from kindergarten to 6th grade. One parent of a camper who did not miss a day said, *"My daughter loved going to camp. She loved all the things you*

*were doing. Even when she did not feel well, she did not want to miss."* Camp activities included field trips to Ghost Ranch Paleontology Museum and Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum. Presentations were provided by Wells Fargo Bank and the U.S. Forest Service Hot Shot Firefighters. Campers also completed service projects for Habitat for Humanity, Blue Star Mothers, McCurdy Charter School elementary teachers and Heifer International. Our dedicated Camp Stars staff included teachers, assistants, therapists and MCS students and graduates acting as guides. We thank the Montei Foundation for being the major donor to Camp Stars, the Carol Williams estate for providing scholarship funds and the donors that made Camp Stars possible through their generosity.

**McCurdy Ministries mission is to help the children, youth and families of the Española Valley succeed in school and in life.**

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## *Giving a future filled with hope through After School Care.*

McCurdy Ministries is committed to providing a variety of educational support ministries on our campus, like After School Care, that support the student and family. Nationwide the number one time of day that kids get in trouble with drugs, sex, alcohol and the law is 3 to 5 PM, so effective and convenient care after school is critical. McCurdy Ministries cares for 30 preschool to 8th grade students in this program every school day on campus and looks forward to the day when we have additional space to expand this program. At After School Care students experience free play time, snacks, homework help, educational games as well as faith building art, crafts, drama and Bible study. One of our After School Care students says, ***“It is really fun to have new experiences at After School Care.”*** The highlight of last year’s after school activities was the production of “Daniel and the Lion Den,” a musical video directed by a McCurdy Ministries’ volunteer and acted out and sung by our After School students. 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 supported After School Care and helped to keep our students safe while having fun, learning and sharing the faith during the hours that are most dangerous hours of the day for children and youth!



## *Giving a future filled with hope through our Volunteers in Mission Program.*

Last year individual and group volunteers came to our campus from 17 different states around the country and made a tremendous difference in our programs, with our students and on our buildings and grounds. For the 2013–14 fiscal year our volunteers donated 11,219 hours of labor. Multiplying these hours at the local minimum wage means our volunteers provided at least \$112,219 of labor for the year and many volunteers are skilled teachers, carpenters, electricians and computer programmers whose labor could be valued at a much higher rate. Our volunteers gave almost \$100,000 and many of their churches donated to McCurdy also. Our volunteers increase our workforce, support our budget and make God’s difference on our campus! Volunteers in Mission team leader Alice Maxie, from Tarrytown UMC in Austin, TX, says, ***“Tarrytown UMC has sent mission teams to McCurdy since 2000. When a state charter school was opened on the McCurdy Ministries campus we discovered what a blessing this was for the community and McCurdy Ministries. McCurdy School stays open and McCurdy Ministries continues providing the Christ-centered environment and support to the families of the Española Valley. Tarrytown has continued to send volunteers to McCurdy. We are one of the many volunteer groups from around the country that help maintain the building and grounds, volunteer in programs and help McCurdy Ministries realize its dream of a community that breaks the cycle of poverty. We are proud to be a part of the McCurdy family.”*** Our volunteers go home excited about our ministries, share the McCurdy story with their families, their churches and their friends and plant seeds of support for McCurdy all across the country which is one of the reasons that we received donations from 45 out of 50 states last year!



## *Giving a future filled with hope through the Breakfast and Lunch Program.*

McCurdy Ministries is the vendor for the MCS Breakfast and Lunch Program. Although the majority of meal cost is reimbursed by USDA, McCurdy Ministries supports this program approximately \$40,000 per year because we are deeply committed to feeding the children on our campus healthy meals. Last year we fed 4,660 breakfasts and 55,270 lunches to students and 809 adult lunches. Research shows that hungry children don’t learn 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 at McCurdy.



## *Giving a future filled with hope by maintaining our facilities and opening them to our community.*

Many of our donors and supporters aren’t aware that McCurdy Ministries owns more than 40 acres of land with more than 40 buildings on our land. From the very beginning McCurdy has been creative in using our land and facilities to make God’s difference in our community. In the past our campus housed a farming operation, a medical clinic, a community recreation program, the first collegiate nursing and G.E.D programs in Española and now houses McCurdy Charter School as well as all the McCurdy Ministries programs including Project Cariño, McCurdy Pre-K and Preschool, After School Care, Camp Stars and our Volunteers in Mission. We also provide the Breakfast and Lunch Program, are the landlord for McCurdy Charter School and are planning to build a new classroom building for the school. Our four person maintenance staff works hard to keep our facilities and campus safe and our grounds beautiful. With such a small staff they simply couldn’t do the job without the hundreds of volunteers who work many thousands of hours for free every year. We truly view the maintaining of our grounds and facilities as a ministry. We frequently hear MCS administrators, facility, students and families exclaim about the beauty, serenity and specialness of our campus. McCurdy is one of the few green spaces with beautiful grass and tall cottonwood trees in Espanola. We work hard to make our campus a welcoming and safe space for children, youth and adults and feel that sharing our space for the good of our community is one of the holy tasks that God has given us. While donating funds to replace a roof, pay the utility bills, refurbish a classroom, install technology equipment and pay the insurance may not be as exciting as donating a classroom book, a scholarship, a teacher’s salary or an hour of therapy for a student, maintenance donations are just as essential to McCurdy’s mission. We give special thanks to Central UMC in Albuquerque, NM, for their donation of \$35,000 to install a monitored fire suppression system in the retreat center and to every donor with the foresight to support our facilities.

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## Mellie Perkins Society launched to recognize donors who remember McCurdy in their estate plans



The dream to start McCurdy began when a few children in Velarde, NM, asked a visiting stranger, 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 and acreage in Velarde, coming back to the valley, starting a school, transforming lives and sharing a hope that has transformed lives generation after generation for 102 years. Every difference we make today is made possible by faith in God and a supporter, a volunteer, a donor, a missionary, a teacher who knows that hope transforms lives.

William and Carol Mead, two of our local volunteers and donors, recently said, *“Over the past 30 years we have heard: ‘New Mexico is the third poorest state in the nation.’ ‘Rio Arriba is one of the poorest counties in New Mexico.’ ‘Many children at McCurdy School are affected by drug or alcohol abuse.’ ‘The high school graduation rate in Espanola is 56%.’ These statements have tugged at our heart strings. All this happens only 30 minutes from our home. McCurdy Ministries and McCurdy Charter School are lights in the valley today. The ministries that attack these problems in a faith based setting have support from United Methodists all over the country and my husband and I are proud to support McCurdy through our donations, our volunteer time and more recently our estate plan. With McCurdy in our backyard, we are grateful that it’s a place where we can be in mission, adding our hands to many others to make a difference.”*

It is concrete expressions of hope such as this that has kept McCurdy financially strong for over a century. During our 2013–14 fiscal year we received \$127,200 in various bequests and endowment donations from individuals and local churches. Frequently, these gifts come as a blessing from God at just the right moment when we needed scholarship funds to support a new program or when the fire marshal required a new and expensive fire suppression system in the preschool.

The McCurdy Ministries Board of Directors knows that hope is what keeps our

ministries going. To help this hope continue for coming generations the board has established 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 inform McCurdy of your intention. She is also available for conversation to help you determine the best way for you to support McCurdy. Each year we will list members of the Mellie Perkins Society in this Annual Report to lift up our supporters who so believe in hope they want to pass that hope along to the next generation.

### Our gratitude to the following persons who remembered McCurdy Ministries in their estates:

Carol Williams Estate, Ruth Brakel Estate, Sarah Sneed Estate, Evelyn Beason Estate and the Larissa Perry Scholarship Fund

### Our gratitude to the following persons who supported McCurdy through the McCurdy Foundation:

Rev. Richard and Mrs. Judy Gongwer and the Robert Seitz Memorial Trust

### Our gratitude to the following churches for sharing part of a bequest with McCurdy:

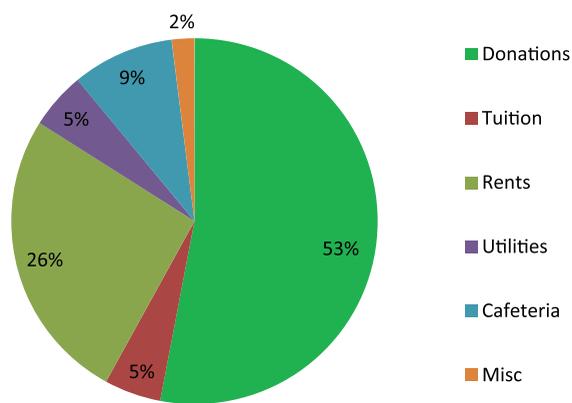
Grace UMC in Albuquerque upon the sale of Carlisle Plaza UMC and Central UMC in Albuquerque upon receipt of a large bequest

### Our gratitude to the following persons for remembering McCurdy in their estate plans?

Pat Alexander, Marie Backman Ambrose, Rev. Sanford and Mrs. Mary Ellen Coon, Tom and Sandy Hofmann, William and Carol Mead, Virgil and Irma Jean Sancken

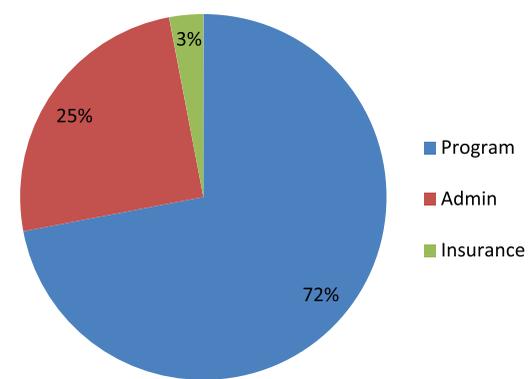
## McCurdy Ministries 2013–14 finances at a glance

### McCurdy Ministries 2013–14 Income



*For McCurdy's 2013–14 fiscal year which runs from August 1 to July 31, we had **1,217** active donors who gave a total \$881,453. Of those donors **386** were churches or UMWs. We received donations from 45 States across the country with the majority of donations coming from New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Kansas, Indiana, Colorado, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.*

### McCurdy Ministries 2013–14 Expenses



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## McCurdy Ministries hope in action



*Clockwise from bottom right:*  
1. After School Care students enjoy the playground. 2. Volunteers sort school supplies. 3. Volunteers and maintenance staff install fiber optic lines. 4. Project Cariño's Big and Little Buddies enjoy a science experiment together at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, NM. 5. Camp Stars friends share a peaceful moment. 6. Camp Stars student enjoys an edible engineering experiment. 7. Compa, the Project Cariño Therapy dog relaxes between therapy sessions. Left: 8. Preschoolers enjoy working on a craft project.



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