



The McCurdy Ministries Message

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Financing secured for a new McCurdy Charter School building



The new building will be on the west side of the McCurdy campus north of the football field and will face Camino Arbolera. This artist's rendering was provided by groundworkstudio and fbt architects.

McCurdy Ministries' plans to become a community center & expand programs

We plan to expand McCurdy Ministries' programs once McCurdy Charter School moves into their new building next July! McCurdy Ministries will continue our preschool, after school, breakfast and lunch, summer camp, mental health and volunteer ministries. We also plan to expand our ministries by becoming a Community Center and adding to the ways we can help ALL students and their families in the Española Valley succeed in school and in life. We plan to make the Irene Cole High School an Adult Ministry Center with ESL, GED, literacy classes and parenting support groups. We plan to make McCracken Gym a Teen Center and Bachman Hall a nonprofit hub for nonprofits consistent with McCurdy Ministries' purpose to help students and families succeed in school and in life. We plan to make Hovermale Elementary School a Children's Ministry Center to house our preschool, after school care and summer camp programs. Pilling Retreat Center will remain a retreat center for our Individual Volunteers and our Volunteer in Mission groups. In addition from October to March we will offer it as a retreat center to local churches and individuals.

Rev. Diana Loomis, director of development/church relations says, "By helping to open McCurdy Charter School we increased the number of students whose lives we impact. By answering God's call to become a Community Center and focusing our ministries in these five areas, we believe our current plans will positively impact the children, youth and families in the Española Valley for generations."

After four years of working diligently McCurdy Ministries in cooperation with McCurdy Charter School (MCS) has secured financing to build a beautiful new classroom building for the school. Patricia Alvarado, McCurdy Ministries' executive director says, "Since McCurdy opened its doors in 1912 we have been committed to the education of students in the Española Valley. We were pleased to help open MCS in August of 2012 which expanded the students McCurdy was able to reach by 250%. We are even more pleased to announce our donation of land and buildings to help make the new MCS building possible." McCurdy Ministries structured a gift-and-sale package to provide Memorial Gym, Pringle Cafeteria Building, the football field and other land west of the irrigation ditch for the MCS project. Through a deeply discounted sale arrangement, McCurdy Ministries will donate over 75% of the value of this property. McCurdy Ministries will also donate approximately \$860,000 of rent monies received from MCS over the last four years to the project. The total MCS campus will be just under 11 acres of land west of the irrigation ditch and the ministries campus will be approximately 26 acres on the east side of the irrigation ditch. Ministries will also allow MCS access to the baseball and softball fields as well as parking for events.

The catalyst for the recent progress was the decision by Charter School Development Corporation (CSDC) to join the project last November. CSDC is a nonprofit that promotes innovation and excellence in education by financing and developing facilities for public charter schools nationally. CSDC is focused exclusively on the facility and financing needs of charter school organizations, especially early-stage charter schools and those serving low-income students, making the CSDC/MCS/ McCurdy Ministries collaboration a blessing. McCurdy Ministries, MCS and CSDC worked together in late 2015 and early 2016 to secure an allocation of New Market Tax Credits for the project from the New Mexico Finance Authority. Over the next seven years these tax credits will reduce the cost of the \$8.5 million loan by approximately \$2.7 million which proved to be the difference in making the new building affordable.

Laura Fiemann, CSDC senior vice president says closing for the financing of the new building should occur in early August with groundbreaking scheduled for mid-August and building completion anticipated in July of 2017. Fiemann says, "The facility will be a two story classroom facility with approximately 38,000 square feet with approximately 32 classrooms, office space, break out rooms, a technology lab and restrooms." The project will also improve school access, parking, safety and energy efficiency. We hope every McCurdy supporter will be proud our efforts will help ensure independence for MCS and provide it a permanent home which is fitting for the proud successor to 100 years of McCurdy educational excellence in the Española Valley!

Please make a note of our new address! When sending mail to McCurdy Ministries please use our new address! Last fall McCurdy Ministries' address was changed by the U.S. Postal Service at the request of the City of Española for 911 purposes. The U.S. Postal Service only provides six months of forwarding for businesses so persons using our old address are having their mail to McCurdy returned marked "no such address" on the envelope. Our new address is:

362A South McCurdy Road, Española, NM 87532

Rest assured we are at the same location still making a tremendous difference for the students and families of the Española Valley in the name of Jesus Christ! The only difference is that the post office changed our address. Included in this mailing is a new Donation Envelope with our correct address. Please make a note of our new mailing address listed above. We would sincerely appreciate it if you would throw away your old McCurdy donation envelopes after you read this newsletter and save the new envelope enclosed to send your next donation to McCurdy Ministries.

Notes from the McCurdy Ministries executive director



Patricia Alvarado
Executive Director

We have ended another school year of providing services to the 530 McCurdy Charter School (MCS) students and their families. In this column I want to outline the importance of the services we provide to students, even though McCurdy Ministries is no longer a K–12 school.

Through Project Cariño, we support MCS students, families and staff to help maximize their learning. This semester we provided students support to express their grief over having lost a loved one through Celebrate Survival, the club no one wants to belong to. Two Celebrate Survival sessions were held for the elementary and secondary schools on April 12 and 13. Eleven students attended and participated in various activities and rituals that honored their lost loved

one and celebrated their survival. Both meetings successfully supported these students and helped them connect with peers who have also experienced loss.

The Project Cariño Big Buddy/Little Buddy Program had a positive impact on the students involved. Students with difficulty communicating when they entered the program blossomed into social butterflies. This year's intern expressed her appreciation by saying, "...the buddies have formed some amazing bonds that I believe will only proceed to grow. I also want to thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It has been an amazing experience for me to intern here at Project Cariño. I feel truly blessed." We have interviewed two students from Highlands University who are interested in working with Project Cariño next school year. One is a Master-level intern, the other is Bachelor-level and one of them is a McCurdy graduate who wants to return to make a difference on our campus!

Our therapists have received valuable training that benefits their professional growth and the students and families. This quarter they attended training on *Executive Function and Self-Regulation in Context: The Role of Stress and Poverty and Opportunities for Intervention*, as well as *An Offering of Hands: Resilient Communities for Resilient Families—A Trauma Informed Conference*. Again, your

generous and on-going support makes these programs possible and we thank you!

Our NM PreK program ended successfully as well. Our end of year Early Learning Guidelines Observations indicated all preschoolers showed growth up to three levels from October to May and 90% showed they exceeded four-year-old levels at the end of the year. All the children are excited about beginning their summer break and moving up to kindergarten. As always it is a bitter-sweet goodbye for staff, but we are happy and proud of the progress these students made.

This week marks the beginning of Camp Stars, our six-week summer camp. We are grateful to have hired all McCurdy Charter School graduates as counselors. We are also grateful for our teachers who are enthusiastic about being with our children and plan to give them a valuable and enriching summer experience through STEM education and Vacation Bible School faith learning and fun.

Every year many hours of work is done preparing the McCurdy Ministries and MCS campus for our programs by our staff and volunteers. We are so grateful to those who come from around the country to assist us in our ministries! As we implement our new Community Center programs, our volunteers will become an even more important resource to the success of our ministries. I pray you will search your heart and seriously consider volunteering at McCurdy Ministries.

I also want to thank and acknowledge our staff who work tirelessly to create a welcoming environment for our McCurdy Ministries and MCS children through the Project Cariño, NM PreK, Camp Stars and After School Programs. I thank our cafeteria and maintenance staff who rarely get a day off and work behind the scenes to ensure the safety and health of our campus. I thank our business, volunteer management, administrative and church relations and development staff for all their efforts to organize, manage, and execute our day to day tasks as well as their work forging new relationships that will strengthen our ministries. The truth is our message is McCurdy Ministries is not winding down. McCurdy Ministries is gearing up for the next century of opportunities to serve Our Father in this beautiful valley!

May God bless you this summer. **Patricia A. Alvarado**

Please consider these creative ways to support McCurdy Ministries

McCurdy Ministries touches the lives of more than 500 students every school day. Your donations of prayer, time, talent and funds literally help us save lives and create a safe place for the children and youth under our care.

We ask you to prayerfully consider these ways of supporting our ministry:

Donate and encourage others to donate regularly to McCurdy. Make a donation of cash, stocks, land or an appreciated asset. **Send us Campbell's Labels or Tyson Project A+ Labels for McCurdy Ministries and Box Tops for Education for McCurdy Charter School.** Donate a gift annuity to earn income during your life and bless McCurdy with a donation after your death. **Organize a**

Volunteers in Mission Team from your church and come enjoy Northern New Mexico. Remember McCurdy Ministries in your will and become a part of the Mellie Perkins Society. **Set up an endowed fund in the McCurdy Foundation.** If you purchase a new car, donate your old one to McCurdy for a tax deduction. **Make McCurdy a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.** Invite the McCurdy church relations team to your church program, dinner or worship event. **Donate to McCurdy through Advance #581479.** Pray for McCurdy daily!

For McCurdy Ministries donation information please call Diana Loomis at 505-753-7221, ext. 352 or email her at dloomis@mccurdy.org.



The Central UMW United Methodist Women and the care kits they created for our Project Cariño students.

UMW creates care kits

Every year the United Methodist Women of Central UMC in Albuquerque, NM, do a special mission project. This year they wanted to support Project Cariño so our counselors asked them to create care kits for their students who are going through trauma. The counselors suggested the kits could contain a book appropriate to what the student was going through along with a stuffed animal, game, stress toy, coloring book or journal, crayons or colored pencils, a hand knitted or crocheted scarf and a personal note all placed with care in a back pack would be great to give out to a student in therapy who was dealing with a death in the family, abuse, addiction or struggles at school. The Central UMW turned to the Albuquerque District UMW and together they collected 386 books to give to students in therapy and then the Central women assembled 72 back packs. As school begins next year our Project Cariño counselors will have wonderful gifts to give their therapy clients that will share love, brighten their day and demonstrate that someone they don't know cares about them. Thanks to the women of the Central UMW for their generosity, care, creativity and concern!

Project Cariño news and updates



Community Partner



The 2015–16 Big/Little Buddies and their counselors enjoy a group field trip to the New Mexico Museum in Santa Fe last spring.

Every year Project Cariño sponsors the Buddy Program which is very much like the Big Brother/Big Sister Program in that high school students are matched with elementary students and through the course of the school year, develop mentoring relationships that support social development for both the Bigs and the Littles. This year, our Buddy Coordinator was Sarah McNeill, a Bachelor of Social Work student intern from NM Highlands University. Sarah worked closely with her high school Bigs, establishing a mentoring relationship with them that they in turn were able to parallel with their elementary school Littles. With Sarah's guidance, the Buddy Program was a great success this year!!

The Buddy Program created fifteen matches between 15 high school and 15 elementary school students. Sarah and the Bigs coordinated weekly visits and

various activities throughout the year that all 30 participants enjoyed together including an Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Party, and a field trip to the Santa Fe History Museum. The Buddy Program has had a noticeable and positive impact on the students involved. Those who had difficulty communicating when they first entered the program have blossomed into social butterflies. Also, those who had trouble expressing themselves have developed skills in their mentoring relationship, and developed stronger communication skills.

The bonds that were formed in these matches were amazing catalysts for social development for all participants! One of our Bigs spoke of her growth through her relationship with her Little, having learned about how cool kids can actually be! Before joining the Buddy Program she didn't really like kids very much. She realized how much her Little looked up to her and looked forward to their visits every week, so she made a strong commitment to be there for him! Another one of our Bigs is an only child, but was able to establish a close bond with his Little. He was injured in a football accident and his Little was very worried for him. The Little made him a get well card which the Big still carries in his wallet. One of our Littles has experienced many emotional traumas, and consequently, many custodial shifts. Every year he chooses to remain in Buddy relationship with the same Big, who has helped him experience consistency in relationship. Project Cariño is proud of this year's success and look forward to another great experience next year!!

Amanda Trujillo-Gonzales, Project Cariño director

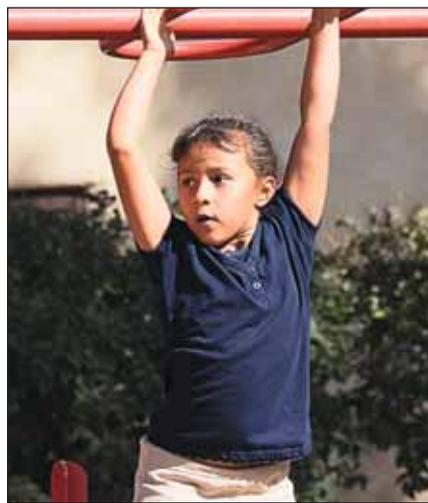


A Buddy team enjoy their Easter Egg Hunt together.

Contagious After School Care kindnesses!

“Be kind and tender to one another.”

Ephesians 4:32 This verse from Ephesians is one of the bible verses the After School Care students studied on kindness. My staff and I have been blessed to experience firsthand the acts of kindness displayed by our students at After School Care. A heartwarming act of kindness I was blessed to witness occurred between one of our fifth grade girls and one of our kindergarten girls. One day our fifth grade girl walked into After School Care and she was crying. She began to tell me that a boy had been mean to her at school that day. Meanwhile, our kindergarten girl asked me for a piece of drawing paper, string, and the hole puncher. Then she started to write on the paper and asked me how to spell the words sorry, mean, and the name of the girl who was crying. Our kindergartener gave the card to the fifth grade girl. She smiled and thanked the kindergartener. I asked the older girl if the kindergartener's kindness made her feel better and she said yes. Moments like these let me know that we are doing God's work and are blessed to see God at work through our children at After School Care. *Flor Cordova, After School Care Supervisor*



After School Care student enjoys the monkey bars during free play time.

McCurdy Preschool news

Below see the class photo of the very proud McCurdy Schools of Northern New Mexico Pre-K Class of 2016. Many new bonds and friendships were formed this year between students as well as parents.

The children were all very excited to begin their summer break, but were also making time for play-dates to meet up over the vacation. A few of the children will be joining us for Camp Stars and as one student put it, “I can't wait to see you again all summer long and learn about math, and science and God's love and eat ice cream. It's going to be amazing! I know it is 'cause I trust God and God only wants good things for us and that is a good thing.”

During the month of May our Bible verse was from **Proverbs 3:5** which says, **“Trust in the lord with all your heart.”** Glad to see a very important messenger was listening. (A child!) *Sandra Archuleta, McCurdy Preschool Director*

The McCurdy Schools of Northern New Mexico Pre-K Class of 2016 poses for their class photo in the midst of their learning materials.



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McCurdy Charter School news



Editor's Note: With the completion of the 2015–16 school year, McCurdy Charter School administrators shared with the McCurdy Ministries Message important highlights of the last school year and expectations for the 2016–17 school year.

From Janette Archuleta, director of McCurdy Charter School

The 2016–17 Intent to Return Form which families complete in late February indicated that 95% of current MCS students plan to return to MCS for the next school year. The latest MCS student enrollment numbers and opening are listed on the MCS website at

<http://mcsk12nm.org/>

Some of our student accomplishments for the 2015–16 school year include:

- Boys baseball team were State Champion Runners-Up.
- On May 28 graduated 36 students which is the largest class since the charter school opened.

Students were involved in LANL activities, including:

- Future City—selected for the Best Irrigation Infrastructure Award
- Electric Car Challenge—MCS sent two teams
- RoboRAVE
- Science Bowl
- Dreambuilders Workshop

Important administrative news included the Board of Finance being returned to the school. In addition, the school was granted an extension by the Public Education Commission regarding the time frame to complete construction of the new school building.

From Chelmaia Quintana, secondary principal

- 97% of MCS graduating seniors earned a Diploma of Excellence at the end of the 2016/17 school year.
- 97% of MCS graduates have been accepted to college.
- We are fully staffed by highly qualified teaching staff.
- This year we had high participation in STEM initiatives; RoboRave, Future City, Math Counts, Electric Car Challenge, and Science Bowl.

From Kiva Duckworth-Moulton, elementary principal

- The students gave a Veterans Day program honoring veterans in Memorial Gym.
- This year's Spirit Challenges which are service learning opportunities where students collect items for various worthy causes included: pennies for Heifer International, eye glasses for Health in Harmony in Borneo, snacks for soldiers through Blue Stars Mothers, food for local shelters/soup kitchens, toys and food for the animal shelter, soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Box Tops and Campbell's labels, clothes and blankets for shelters and change for seniors.
- Participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee and our sixth grader went to the state level in Albuquerque.
- The students participated in Jump Rope for Heart which included heart healthy activities and fundraising for the Heart Association.
- The McCurdy Ministries Gala volunteers enjoyed a special student led Valentine's program.
- The fourth graders participated in a 30 week National Dance Institute program.
- The students held a Math Night which included teaching math games to parents.
- As a school we held Awareness week which included Red Ribbon, Anti-Bullying, Peace and Hunger Action education.
- During the school year 3,300 Pride slips were given out to students.
- 35 million words were read by our students this school year.
- The school partnered with Girls on the Run which is a program to build esteem in girls through running.

Volunteers in Mission News

Every day I see God in action through our Volunteers in Mission. When I welcome our volunteers to campus, I feel as though I'm welcoming Christ. I've seen volunteers cry over injustices they've witnessed, doctors cleaning our irrigation ditches and youth spilling out their souls working hard to do a good job while they're here. I've seen God at work in team leaders who do their best to ensure their team members are working, having fun and remembering the God they serve. The Spirit abides at McCurdy, and often brings healing to those who come to serve. It only takes saying yes when you're called!

Please know our need for volunteers is great! McCurdy Ministries is doing important ministry on our campus serving the children, youth and their families of our community. Our volunteers are key to helping us maintain our campus and conduct our programs. With your help McCurdy Ministries can continue making a difference in the Española Valley. We invite you to bring your small or large VIM team to McCurdy and are already reserving weeks for teams in 2017 and 2018. Long-term individual volunteers are needed as well as VIM teams during the school year and the summer. **Currently, we need a couple who would enjoy living in the dorm and being our Dorm Hosts during the summer months. We also need a Volunteer Liaison between the maintenance department and our VIM teams. The ideal person would be someone with organizational abilities, construction skills and a love for serving God through mission work. You would need to commit for the summer and the sooner you can get here, the better!** If these jobs interest you, please contact Vickie Luviano by email at vickie@mccurdy.org or by phone at (505) 753-7221, ext. 268 **RIGHT AWAY**. Remember all our volunteers and staff must be Safe Sanctuary certified, and the training is on our website: www.mccurdy.org. *Vickie Luviano, volunteer manager*

Box Tops, Campbell's Labels & Tyson Project A+ update



Thanks to our supporters for making the **Box Tops for Education** program a success for McCurdy Charter School! For the 2015–16 school year, a total of \$15,259 worth of Box Tops were submitted. Thank you! You helped us raise \$5,259 above our goal of \$10,000! Each year McCurdy Charter School uses the Box Top proceeds to fund field trips and classroom projects that they could not afford otherwise. Thank you to all who submitted this school year, and many, many thanks to those who checked expiration dates, trimmed, counted and peeled the back cardboard before they sent them in!



In this program, I see God at work when I open a package and the UPCs have all been nicely trimmed and counted! We've recently been told the **Campbell's Labels for Education Program** will be ending sometime in 2017, although a definite date has not yet been set. Please note if the label has not expired send it to us because our goal is to collect 1.6 million points to obtain a new van before the program ends. This means that we hope to see many, many Campbell's UPCs and V8 bottle caps being sent to us this year. We currently have 511,404 points in our account. We can achieve our goal with YOUR help!



You may not be aware that McCurdy Ministries has been participating in the Tyson Project A+ for several years now. We hope to increase participation in the program so we can purchase items we need. Each label you send is worth **24 cents** and the money we earn can be used to buy anything we may need! Go to the Project A+ website at <http://projectaplus.tyson.com> to get familiar with the participating products and how you can help McCurdy. We are listed as McCurdy School, with the phone number (505) 753-7221 at zip code 87532. You can be added to their e-mail list to get updates or just visit the site regularly for current information.

If you have questions about the Tyson Project A+, Campbell's Labels or Box Tops for Education program please contact Vickie Luviano by email at Vickie@mccurdy.org or call her at (505) 753-7221, ext. 268. Please make a note of our new address and mail your labels, Box Tops and UPCs to McCurdy Ministries, 362A S. McCurdy Road, Española, NM 87532.