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McCurdy Ministries 2014–15 Annual Report

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McCurdy Ministries is excited to share that through our Preschool, After School Care, Breakfast and Lunch, Camp Stars, Project Cariño and Volunteer in Mission programs we touch the lives of more than 500 students and their families every school day! For 103 years we have been helping students in the Española Valley succeed in school and life. Another way to describe our mission is to say we are **“Raising kids up to shine!”** which is best expressed through the song “On Eagle’s Wings” by Michael Joncas which says, **“And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.”** In this 2015 Annual Report we are privileged to share shining examples of students and graduates who are making God’s difference in their communities every day. Most importantly we are grateful to you our donors for helping us help others shine. Thank you! You make our ministries possible by your prayers, volunteer hours and donations.



Francisco & Miquela Vigil, 2008 McCurdy and 2012 NM Tech graduates

What are you doing professionally and personally now?

Francisco and I both graduated with MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering from New Mexico Tech. We recently moved back to Española and are working as research and development engineers for Los Alamos National Laboratory. We are also excited to announce the birth of our son, Ignacio Vigil.

How are you making a difference in this world?

Francisco and I are very active in promoting extracurricular STEM activities in New Mexico by volunteering and participating in programs such as Science Fair, Science Olympiad, and Math Counts. We feel it is important for kids to get involved in such programs early in their education. We wish to provide the same help and support to kids that people once gave us when we were in school at McCurdy.

How has McCurdy helped you shine in your life?

McCurdy helped us shine in our lives by providing us the education and opportunities to pursue our dreams of becoming engineers. As high school students, we were given a lot of support by teachers and administrators while working on our science projects. This support sparked our creativity and nurtured our innovative minds which led to great successes in our education and careers as engineers.



Ladarin Jameson Gutierrez, 4th grader at McCurdy Charter School and participant in the 2015 Camp Stars

How has Camp Stars helped you shine in your life? This summer was my first time attending Camp Stars. I really liked listening to the stories and learning songs about Jesus. Camp Stars taught me about Jesus’ life. I want to be a leader like Jesus so I can teach everyone to love and not to bully anybody.

What did you learn at Camp Stars that helps you make a difference in our community? I went to the soup kitchen to help people who are homeless. I was nervous because there were a lot of people who are strangers. After I started helping the people, I wasn’t nervous anymore. I made the people happy and it made me happy to help them.

Above: Ladarin and another Camp Stars student help prepare lunch at the soup kitchen.



Major Thomas Peabody, 2001 McCurdy and 2005 West Point graduate

What you are doing professionally and personally now? I am an officer in the United States Army. I currently serve as the US Army Fellow to the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington DC.

How are you making a difference in this world?

I serve the nation as a leader in the military with a mission of providing safety, security, and peace whenever and where ever possible. More importantly, my hope is that I am a positive influence and good example for those that I have the privilege to lead.

How has McCurdy helped you shine in your life?

My time at McCurdy provided me an example of what values based leadership is. The staff and faculty at McCurdy embody what selfless service to a community is all about, and as a leader in the military a foundation in values and selfless service has helped me to shine.

Above: Pictured at his recent promotion to major which was held at George Washington’s estate, Mt. Vernon, are Major Thomas Peabody and his wife Rebecca, son Patrick and daughter Parker.

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Raising kids up to shine through preschool

McCurdy Preschool has done an excellent job preparing children for kindergarten. In fact both the McCurdy Charter School 2015 valedictorian and salutatorian were our preschool graduates! McCurdy is committed to preschool education because the top 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. Starting in the fall of 2014 McCurdy Ministries opened a free NM PreK morning preschool and a low cost faith based afternoon preschool. Special thanks to the New Mexico Children Youth and Family Department, the Texas Methodist Foundation for donating grants and many individual donors who support the preschool.



Above left: preschoolers play shape bingo. Below left: a proud preschooler shows off his backpack. Left: Preschoolers put their backpacks into their cubbies and prepare for class.

Photos by Richard Saxon.

Raising kids up to shine through Camp Stars

Summer of 2015 was our third year for Camp Stars. Camp Stars is 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 25 campers from kindergarten to 6th grade. Camp activities included field trips to the Explora Museum in Albuquerque and San Martin de Porres Soup Kitchen. Presentations were provided by Zia Credit Union and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Campers also completed service projects for Habitat for Humanity, Blue Star Mothers, Heifer International and a walk for JDRF. Our dedicated Camp Stars staff included teachers, assistants, 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.

Raising kids up to shine though Project Cariño

Since 1985 Project Cariño has provided therapy free of charge to McCurdy students and their families. For the 2014–15 school year we had two full time therapists, three student interns and a therapy dog named Compa on staff and they shared 3,900 contact hours with students doing therapy, classroom presentations, crisis interventions, the Big Buddy/Little Buddy Program, the Peer Conflict Mediation Program and the Celebrate Survival Program. This averages out to more than seven contact hours for every McCurdy Charter School student. We believe Project Cariño plays an important part in the charter school achieving a 82% graduation rate. We thank the Montei Foundation, the Northern New Mexico United Way, the Con Alma Foundation, the Santa Fe Community Foundation, the McCurdy Gala and the individuals, churches and UMW units who make this priceless ministry possible.



Above: A Big Buddy and Little Buddy have fun. Photo by Kiva Duckworth-Moulton.

Below: Celebrate Survival participants view the mandala they created to remember family members who had passed on.

Photo by Michelle Esquibel.



Top left: Camp Stars participants enjoy a craft making session. Bottom left: Camp Stars participants enjoying a science lesson on bubbles at their field trip to the Explora Museum in Albuquerque.

Below: Camp Stars smiles



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Raising kids up to shine through After School Care

McCurdy Ministries provides a variety of educational support ministries on our campus, like After School Care. 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 28 preschool to 6th grade students in this faith based program every school day and looks forward to the day when we have additional space to expand this program. At After School Care students experience free play, snacks, homework help, educational games as well as faith building art, crafts, drama and Bible study. 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 support After School Care and help keep our students safe while having fun, learning and sharing the faith.

Raising kids up to shine with VIM help

During the 2014–15 school year 31 Volunteer in Mission (VIM) groups including more than 350 volunteers and more than 25 individual long term volunteers came to our campus from 16 different states and 15 United Methodist annual conferences from around the country. For a recent grant application we multiplied the hours worked by our volunteers times the Santa Fe County minimum wage and discovered that our volunteers contributed \$158,000 of labor to our ministry. Our volunteers worked in MCS classrooms, at the McCurdy Preschool, After School Care and Camp Stars programs, cut Box Tops for Education and Campbell’s Labels, helped with the Gala, did administrative work, maintained our grounds, repaired and improved our buildings and shared the love of Christ with our students and staff every day!

VIM team leader, Bill Mueller from Mentor United Methodist Church in Ohio described his McCurdy experience saying, *“This mission trip exceeded all my expectations! We worked hard, played hard, prayed hard, people prayed hard for us, we praised God with ease, we showed love to the community, and the community showed love to us.”* 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 almost all 50 states last year!



Above: A volunteer and MCS teacher work together to make a difference in the classroom.

Left: Volunteers mix cement for a repair job.

Photos by Richard Saxon.



Above: After School Care girl enjoys a snack and homework help.

Left: After School Care boys enjoy a jump.

Photos by Richard Saxon.



Left: McCurdy Charter School students are served lunch by McCurdy Ministries Breakfast and Lunch Program employees.

Raising kids up to shine through breakfast and lunch

McCurdy Ministries is the vendor for the MCS Breakfast and Lunch Program. Although the majority of meal cost is reimbursed by USDA, McCurdy Ministries supported this program with a \$35,413 donation last year because federal reimbursements are not enough to feed our children the healthiest of meals. For the 2014–15 school year we fed 5613 breakfasts and 56,965 lunches to preschool and K–12 students. 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 on our campus.

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Mellie Perkins Society recognizes donors who remember McCurdy in their estate plans

The dream to start McCurdy began 103 years ago when children in Velarde, NM, asked a visitor, 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 in Velarde and starting a school that has transformed lives and shared hope for generations. The difference Mellie made continues on today through the work of our staff, students, volunteers, supporters and donors. The difference we make is made possible by faith in God and a supporter, a volunteer, a donor, a missionary, a teacher who knows that hope transforms lives.

It is concrete expressions of hope such as this that has kept McCurdy financially strong for over a century. During our 2014–15 fiscal year we received \$15,000 in various bequests and endowment donations from individuals. These gifts come as a blessing from God and empower our ministry.

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 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:

Elizabeth Carol Burgstahler Estate, Myrle Miller Estate, and Carol Williams Estate

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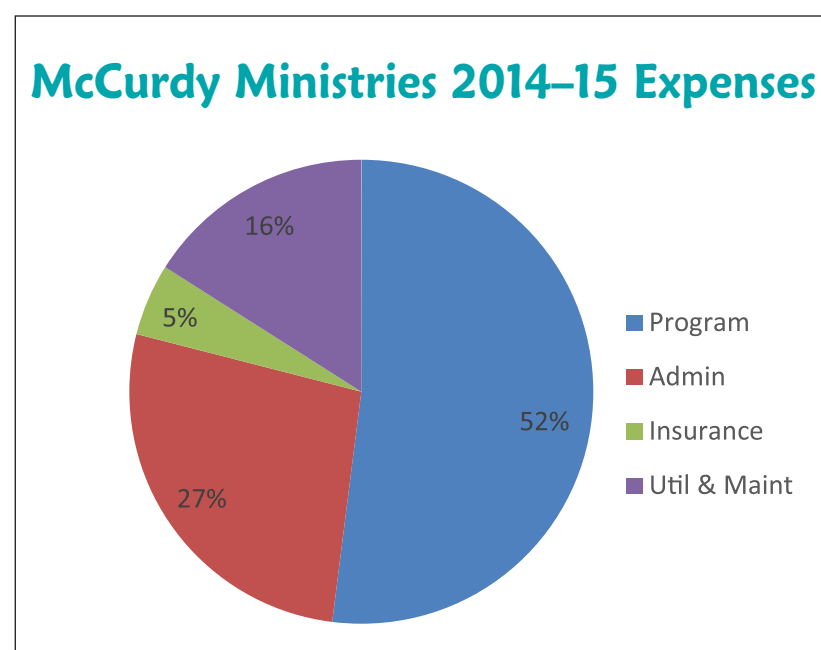
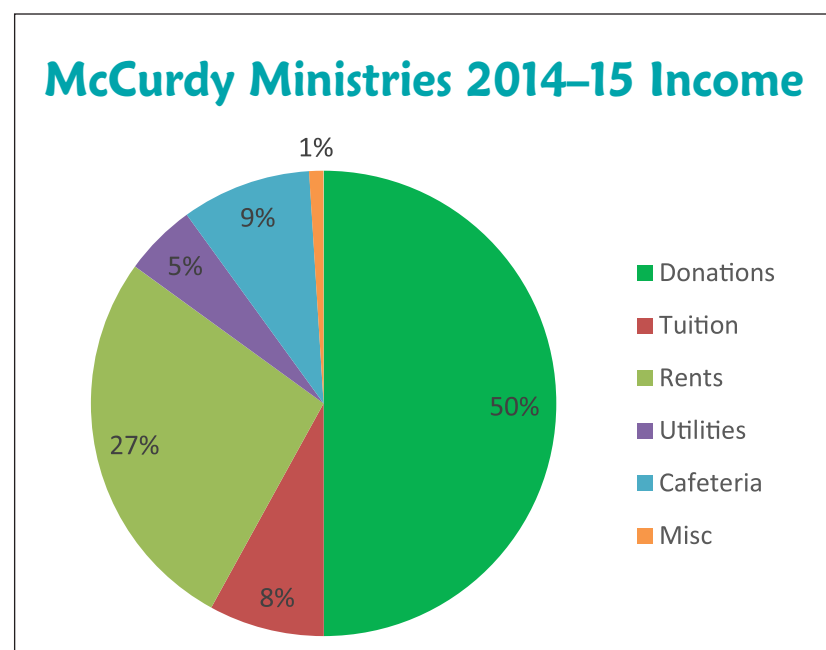
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Pat Alexander, Marie Backman Ambrose, Rev. Sanford and Mary Ellen Coon, Ruby Hale, Tom and Sandy Hofmann, Betty Letzig, Holly Ludlam, Virginia McQuiston, William and Carol Mead, Virgil and Irma Jean Sancken

McCurdy Ministries 2014–15 finances at a glance

For McCurdy’s 2014–15 fiscal year which ran from August 1 to July 31, we had **1,165** active donors who gave a total **\$853,531**. We received donations from individuals, churches, UMW units, annual conferences and foundations from **44** states across the country with the majority of donations coming from New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, New York, Kansas, Colorado, Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Arizona, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska.



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