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In August of 2017, we took the name **McCurdy Ministries Community Center** and our mission became ***“creating hope and empowering the lives of children, youth, adults and families through education, life skills and faith-based programming in Española.”*** We provide free mental health counseling and are the vendor for the breakfast and lunch program for MCS students. We provide preschool, after school care and summer camp ministries to the broader community. We welcome United Methodist Volunteer in Mission Teams and individual volunteers to our campus from across the country. In addition, in the fall of 2017, McCurdy Ministries Community Center began focusing on educational ministries for the entire family. Cole High School became an Adult Ministries Center hosting High School Equivalency, ESL and literacy classes for youth and adults. In 2018, the elementary school became a Children's Ministries Center hosting After School Care and Camp Stars, our summer camp. In the future, we will expand this programming to include parenting/grandparenting support groups and a mid-week dinner and ministry for the entire family.

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receive a new envelope, pitched metal roof if needed, windows and HVAC system to improve energy efficiency, handicapped accessible bathrooms and entrances and updates to improve the programming space.

We believe the ministries we create over the next five years will help make God's difference in the Española Valley for the next 100 years. While our valley is filled with some of the most loving and kind people the need for the difference we make is great. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 35% of the population lives below

the poverty line and 20% of adults 25 and over have not graduated from high school. In the last five years while the rest of the country has recovered from economic decline our poverty rate has risen from 28% to 35% which is why our commitment to create hope and empower lives is so critical! According to our Health Department, 60% of grandparents are raising their grandchildren and we continue to combat high rates of drug and alcohol addiction.

To accomplish the improvements to our buildings and campus so we can do the ministry God is calling us to do; we will need the help of all our McCurdy friends. Here are a number of ways you can help McCurdy Ministries Community Center make God's difference in the Española Valley:

Donate and encourage others to donate regularly to the McCurdy General Fund which supports all our programs. Make a donation of cash, stocks, land or an appreciated asset. ***Send us Box Tops for Education or shop for McCurdy through AmazonSmile.*** 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. ***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.*** Remember McCurdy in your estate trust. ***Invite the McCurdy church relations team to your church program, dinner or worship event.*** Donate to McCurdy through Advance #581479 for the general fund. ***Pray for our ministries daily!***

For more information on McCurdy Ministries go to our website at www.mccurdy.org or contact Rev. Diana Loomis, McCurdy Director of Development and Church Relations, at 505-753-7221, ext. 352 or email her at dloomis@mccurdy.org.



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