



McCurdy Ministries Community Center

A COVID-19 update

When the COVID-19 shutdown began in mid-March, McCurdy Ministries Community Center (MMCC) immediately began responding to this crisis. We have supported our students, families, staff, community and supporters across the country in creative ways. Our mission *“to create hope and empower the lives of children, youth and families through education, life skills and faith-based programs in Espanola”* is even more critical in this time of health, economic and social crisis in our country! McCurdy Ministries applied for the Federal PPP grant and is pleased to share because of this grant and the generous support of our donors across the nation we are still making God’s difference!



2019-20 Project Cariño staff holds a zoom meeting.

Project Cariño mental health counseling

When Governor Lujan Grisham shut down all public schools in New Mexico in mid-March, our Project Cariño staff continued their work by using online, email, phone and zoom resources. They immediately secured parental/guardian permission to continue therapy by phone or zoom with each of their clients, they worked with teachers, administration and staff stressed by this sudden change and they provided online and email resources to help our students and their families and our supporters. For their most vulnerable clients our counselors volunteered to

continue therapy over the summer. School restarted virtually on Aug. 15 and in the first month our counselors had 14 referrals for therapy. Amanda Trujillo Gonzales, Project Cariño director, says the silver lining in the pandemic has been that client families have drawn closer and our counselors have developed deeper relationships with parents.

McCurdy Schools of Northern NM PreK classes

When the shutdown occurred onsite PreK classes were ended but the PreK staff continued their work by preparing weekly packets and online resources for parents. In addition, they did phone coaching with parents and planned a zoom graduation for our preschoolers. Thanks to the UMW from First UMC Los Alamos for providing celebration kits for each preschool family. School started on Sept. 9 with virtual daily sessions, weekly activities packets for parents and weekly coaching and support sessions with parents. In addition, our staff is preparing for hybrid virtual/in person classes that may begin in October.

Sandra Trujillo, PreK director, holds a zoom session with her preschoolers.



After School Care and Camp Stars

While McCurdy Charter School holds virtual classes our After School Care program is paused. The program will resume when classes are again held on campus. The hope was that Camp Stars, our summer camp could be held in smaller groups, but as COVID-19 cases rose this summer Camp Stars was cancelled also. We are making plans for the possibility of a free Camp Stars program next summer aimed at helping students who have struggled with virtual learning and connectivity issues catch up on their schooling while also enjoying VBS fun!

Volunteers in Mission

For safety reasons we have had to cancel our onsite Volunteers in Mission and individual volunteer programs but in mid-October are launching a Virtual VIM program that lasts from two to six hours and is suitable for churches, UMW units, Sunday School classes and youth groups.

McCurdy weekly devotional

To stay in touch with our supporters, provide MMCC updates and share our faith in God, we are blast emailing a devotional every Thursday. If you would like to receive the devotional please email Rev. Diana Loomis.

For McCurdy Ministries Community Center info or to sign up for our devotional email please contact Diana Loomis at dloomis@mccurdy.org or call her at 505-901-3082.