One of the foundations of the Christian faith is the belief that God is always working on behalf of love, that God is present in the good and bad times and God is always working on the possibilities in life. Since the pandemic began eight months ago all of us have been walking on shifting sand. We have made plan after plan after plan and continually had to adjust or abandon those plans for safety reasons. In this annual report we could focus on the ministries we have not been able to do OR we can focus on the ways God is acting in our midst. For 108 years McCurdy Ministries Community Center has chosen to believe in God’s possibilities and we aren’t stopping now!

Once school went virtual our Project Cariño staff and interns immediately shifted to providing virtual and phone play, talk and family therapy. They learned how to use Zoom and began student support groups using this technology. They created video and print resources to help families cope with the pandemic and provided educational programs as well as emotional support for teachers and staff.

Our McCurdy Schools of Northern New Mexico PreK staff immediately began providing resources to the preschool families so their education could continue at home. They were in constant contact with these families by phone and then with the new school year began Zoom sessions with the preschoolers, while keeping in touch with families by phone and providing weekly activity packets for each preschooler. They even held a virtual preschool graduation.

While we couldn’t host volunteers on campus for safety reasons our staff began sending our weekly devotional updates on our ministries by blast email.

Working on the possibilities even in a pandemic

McCurdy Ministries Community Center finances

For McCurdy’s 2019–20 fiscal year which ran from August 1 to July 31, we had 841 active donors. We received donations from individuals, churches, UMW units, annual conferences and foundations from across the country with the majority of donations coming from New Mexico, Ohio, Texas, Kansas, Indiana, Colorado, New York, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Iowa. Please note McCurdy Ministries Community Center has been given clean audits for our 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–18 and 2019–20 fiscal years and has a gold transparency rating with Guidestar.org.

When making a charitable gift remember

If you itemize...
- Charitable gifts must be completed by Dec. 31, 2020, to be deducted on 2020 tax returns.
- Gifts of cash are deductible up to 60% of your adjusted gross income.
- A gift of an appreciated stock can offer greater tax savings than cash.
- Consider pre-paying your 2021 charitable gifts if that will boost your deductions over the standard level. Then itemize every other year.

If you do not itemize...
- If you are over 70½ consider an IRA Rollover Gift. You can authorize your IRA to pay any amount up to $100,000 directly to McCurdy. You avoid the income and the gift counts toward your required minimum distribution.

Why give stock?
- Gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual fund shares that have increased in value may provide a bigger gift and a bigger deduction for you. If you have owned these assets for more than one year, you avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation and may deduct the entire fair market value for tax purposes.

Planning to give a future gift?
- Remember McCurdy in a will, living trust or other estate plan.
- Consider establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity which is a current gift for tax purposes that provides annual fixed payments for life and at your passing McCurdy receives the remainder.
- Name McCurdy as the beneficiary of your IRA, insurance policy or other asset.

We continued sending out our Volunteer Newsletter and have now developed Virtual Mission experiences so our donors, supporters and volunteers can learn about the important ministry we are doing in these hard times.

The McCurdy Board re-evaluated and approved an update on our Long Range Strategic Plan and the Master Plan for our campus and began looking at creative new ways our 29 acre campus can be used for the good of God’s ministries and the welfare of our community.

Our Administrative staff has used Zoom meetings to develop a Public/Private Partnership to explore creative uses of our campus which includes elected officials and staff from the City of Espanola, Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties, the North Central New Mexico Economic Development agency and the Los Alamos National Laboratories. They also applied for federal Payroll Protection Funds to help ease the financial impact of the pandemic.

In preparation for the 2019–20 fiscal year our administrative staff worked hard to cut expenses without cutting ministry. In addition, our development staff increased our grant writing and grant awards went from $101,333 in 2018–19 to $152,039 in 2019–21 which is a 50% increase. In addition, our General Fund income increased 16% in the 2019–20 fiscal year over the 2018–19 fiscal year.

While the hard times we are going through are frightening we are experiencing wonderful support from our donors. We thank you for your belief in our ministries and the way we are making God’s difference in the Española Valley! Your support reminds us every day “with God all things are possible” even in the midst of a pandemic!

2020 Mellie Perkins Society

During our 2018-19 fiscal year we were blessed by estate gifts, individual donations, grants, church and church organization donations. Our greatest need is support for the General Fund which is the lifeblood for our ministries. The majority of our staff salaries, utilities, maintenance, insurance and program expenses are paid by our General Fund.

Increased estate gifts inspired the MMCC Board to start the Mellie Perkins Society to recognize our donors who make McCurdy a part of their estate plans. If you remembered McCurdy in your estate plans 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.

Our gratitude to those who remembered McCurdy during the 2019–20 fiscal year

Mary Moon Estate, Fern Heim Trust, Julia Moya Gallegos Estate, Ruth Stambach Estate and the Mary Lou Warner Estate

Our gratitude to these persons who have remembered McCurdy in their estate plans:

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