

We are excited you are interested in volunteering at McCurdy Ministries Community Center (MMCC)! This handbook was created to help you plan an excellent trip to New Mexico. As you read or complete each form or training, please use this list to check off the required items to ensure you have completed everything needed for your trip. The following items are included:

General information	Required Forms:
Things we need our volunteers to know	VIM Team Member Application
Guidelines for VIM Teams	Medical and Liability Release Form
Local points of interest	Parental Consent Form (for youth only)
Safe Sanctuary Training Instructions	VIM Skills Survey

History

United Brethren Deaconess Mellie Perkins founded McCurdy School in 1912 with four Hispanic students in Velarde, just north of Española. Over the next century, McCurdy educated thousands of outstanding students, including many who became doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers, scientists, counselors, and engineers. McCurdy has been at its current location in Santa Cruz since 1915. Through the years, additional properties and buildings were added to the campus. Maintaining our buildings and our ministries provides opportunities for Work Teams to make significant contributions to our mission. The help of our volunteers lifts our hearts, helps carry our load, and makes a difference for our children, youth, adults, and families as well as saves us thousands of dollars in maintenance and program costs each year.

In August of 2012, we became the landlord for McCurdy Charter School (MCS), a public school which currently has 560+ students and is directly responsible to the New Mexico Public Education Department. Then in 2017, MMCC helped the charter school build their own campus on our western boundary and at the same time we became McCurdy Ministries Community Center (MMCC).

We provide PreK, after school care, mental health counseling through our Project Cariño, Camp Stars (our sixweek VBS/STEM summer camp), and volunteer programs. We changed our name because we are expanding our ministries and programs to help children, youth, adults, and families in the Española Valley. We also have expanded our Volunteers in Mission Program to include mission trips, virtual mission experiences and retreat ministries all year long.

Our ministry is rapidly changing and expanding so it is an exciting time for our volunteers to plan a VIM trip to McCurdy! Our programs are based on our Christian faith and our desire to be the hands of Christ to Española Valley students and their families. McCurdy Ministries Community Center's mission is to "create hope and empower the lives of children, youth, adults, and families through education, life skills, and faith-based programs."

United Methodist Churches in Española

Valley View UMC and Santa Cruz UMC are the two United Methodist Churches in Española, and they love to welcome volunteers to their Sunday morning worship services.

New Mexico natural, historical, cultural, and scientific opportunities

One of the wonderful aspects of McCurdy Ministries Community Center's setting is the opportunity to interact with nature as well as the Hispanic, Native American, and Anglo cultures, history, art, and science. The Española Valley is surrounded on the east by the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and on the west by the Jemez Mountains. Flowing through the valley is the Rio Grande River. The mountains and rivers provide wonderful opportunities for hiking, rafting, and enjoyment of God's creation. If you plan to take your group on a hike, please ensure that you have experienced leaders, maps, water, ponchos, food, and first aid supplies so that your hike doesn't end in mishap. There are a number of river rafting companies based out of Taos (45-minute drive) that can ensure a fun yet safe experience on the river for your group. Santa Fe (30-minute drive) and Taos are both wonderful sites with historical, cultural, art, and dining opportunities for your group. Los Alamos (30-minute drive) is one of the scientific centers of our nation. On your afternoons and evenings off, our VIM Teams are urged to visit nearby historic and cultural sites to learn about our area. We encourage you to go to the New Mexico tourism site at www.newmexico.org to learn more about the exciting places you can visit.

Mission and work

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Teams are made up of adults and youth who stay at MMCC for a week doing maintenance, repairs, improvements, administrative work, program support, and community service. Sometimes VIM Teams participate in off-campus projects at one of the local United Methodist churches. The requirements to be a volunteer are a willingness to serve and the skills and capacity to perform the necessary labor. If possible, we ask our VIM Teams to provide funds to help purchase materials for the projects on which they work. These projects may include construction, painting, cleaning, mowing, landscaping, and office or program work. Projects vary from year to year. Large groups often complete a project, while smaller groups do part of a project. ALL of our volunteers maintain and improve our programs and campus to help us better serve the people of the Española Valley.

Educational opportunities

Volunteers will learn about our mission, history, and the people we have served since 1912. We share McCurdy Ministries Community Center's contribution to the religious, educational, and cultural life of northern New Mexico. While staying in the retreat center, eating, and working on our campus, our volunteers will also learn about our programming and the needs of the students, families, and community.

Your schedule

The time you spend at McCurdy Ministries will be divided among work projects, fellowshipping with your team and our staff, learning about our mission, and visiting places of cultural and historic interest. Most work is done in the morning and early afternoon. The normal VIM Team Schedule is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, and Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM to noon. (Unless you are here during a holiday and then the holiday would be your free day and your team will work the other days through 3:30) This gives our volunteers ample time to visit local areas in Northern New Mexico. At 8:00 AM (following breakfast), participants gather in the living room of the Pilling Robinson Retreat Center to receive assignments for the day and to meet the McCurdy staff assigned to help our volunteers complete their projects. The day ends with the return of tools and materials to the maintenance shop at 3:00 PM. By this time, paintbrushes and any dirty tools should be cleaned and supplies, especially paint cans, are to be closed and stored properly. Cleanup should be completed by 3:30 PM. Skilled workers may wish to use their own tools, and of course, this is encouraged. If you are in a position to donate tools and paint supplies, that would be wonderful! Once your Team Leader returns the Team's Skills Survey (at least 30 days before your arrival), we can be more specific about your work assignment so you can plan what tools to bring with you.

Your preparation

We ask our volunteers to mentally, physically, and emotionally prepare for their time at McCurdy Ministries. You will:

- Do hard physical work and activity if you are able.
- Meet people with a different cultural outlook who may speak a different language than you do.
- Live under our house rules which may not be the rules at home.
- Work at high altitude in low humidity.
- Need to bring water bottles and sunscreen. Dehydration and sunburns happen quickly at our altitude.

Guidelines for VIM Teams

The VIM Leader and all the adults on the team are responsible for the welfare of the team. McCurdy staff will be your hosts while you are on our campus. Our staff will give leadership to work projects, orient your group, and lead a tour of the campus. Please follow their guidance regarding team conduct. The maintenance staff is responsible for projects, tools, and materials. Please follow their directions. If you do not understand their directions, please talk with the Maintenance Director immediately.

Campus rules and regulations

<u>ALL</u> adults and youth are expected to observe the following campus rules and regulations.

- 1. We encourage your team to have daily devotionals, group worship, prayer time, journaling time, and/or reflection time while on our campus.
- 2. The adult to youth ratio for a Volunteers in Mission Team is one adult to every four youth. The Team Leader and adults are responsible for the youth at all times whether youth are at a meal, working, in the retreat center, or visiting a tourist attraction.
- 3. Quiet hours at the retreat center are from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
- 4. Please use the front doors of retreat center only. Other entrances are emergency exits. This is a security measure to protect you and your belongings.
- 5. Be on time for all meals, meetings, and activities.
- 6. In case of illness or injury, no matter how slight, report immediately to the nearest team leader.
- 7. Wear head covering during the day to protect from sunstroke. DRINK A LOT OF WATER and wear sunscreen!
- 8. Wear comfortable and protective closed-toed shoes on work projects. For your safety, you will not be allowed to work in flip-flops, sandals, or bare feet.

Check in and check out procedures

- 1. The Pilling Robinson Retreat Center is located on the left-hand side of McCurdy Road, about ¼ mile from State Road 76. There is an 'entrance only' sign and a red gate. The gate will be open for you so that you can park in front of the retreat center which is on the right.
- 2. Groups are responsible for any damage to the facilities. If you note any damage, report it at once to our volunteer manager or maintenance director.
- 3. The first day, one or two team members may be asked to do the laundry from the previous week's teams. Laundry facilities are in the north and south wings of the retreat center. If volunteers desire to do laundry while at McCurdy, there is a 50-cent charge to wash and 50-cent charge to dry for each load for personal laundry.
- 4. **At check-out time**, place used linens, including pillow protector, sheets, pillowcase, towels, mattress pads, bathmat, bath rug and quilt/bedspread in the containers/baskets at the entryway of the north and east wings. Restack clean linens from the linen closet and cover with the quilt/bedspread. Place clean bathmat and bath rug on the side of the cleaned tub. Sweep and mop bedroom and bathroom, clean toilet, and tub. Empty trash. Leave doors unlocked. Make sure lights and fans are off, windows shut, and toilet isn't running. Leave keys on the counter between the closet doors.

- 5. You can receive mail while your group is at McCurdy. Mail arrives at the business office Monday through Friday. The mailing address at McCurdy is: your name, group name or name of your church, c/o McCurdy Ministries Community Center, 362A S McCurdy Road, Española, NM 87532.
- 6. The retreat center's phone number is (505) 753-7221, ext. 232.

What to bring

- **Personal:** Bring your personal toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, drinking cups, cosmetics, medications, sunscreen, etc.) Bedding and towels are provided.
- Clothing: Bring work clothes that will stand up to paint, mud, dust, and abrasion. Jackets, slacks/jeans, and long sleeve shirts may be needed for the cool evenings. You also should bring a hat and sunglasses. Shorts are permitted but not short shorts or cropped shirts.
- **Shoes:** Bring comfortable, closed toe, protective shoes for your time on campus. While sandals may be great for tourist activities, closed-toe shoes are required on campus.
- **Health Issues:** All volunteers are required to fill out the Medical and Liability Release Form included in this packet.
- **Equipment:** We recommend you bring your own work gloves, a water bottle, flashlight, Bible, pencil/pen and paper, camera, musical instruments, games, and binoculars (for sightseeing).
- **Pool Information:** There is one outdoor swimming pool in Española. (Cutoffs are not allowed). Pool fees are your personal responsibility. There are no swimming facilities on the McCurdy property.

Dress code

We ask that you comply with the McCurdy Ministries dress code while on our campus. This dress code applies to adults as well as youth. Pants must be worn at the waistline. Shorts must not be shorter than mid-thigh. Mesh shirts, cutoff tops, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops and exposed sports bras/tube tops are not allowed. No skin should show in the midriff or back. Please do not wear clothing that displays words or symbols about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, racism, death, or satanic symbols. Women are asked to use modesty when it comes to the neckline of tops. Also, camouflage clothing is not allowed.

Emergency phone numbers

- Española Hospital, main number 505-753-7111
- Aspen Urgent/Walk-in-Care 505-747-6939
- Pharmacies: Wal-Mart 505-747-0427
- Walgreen's Drug Stores 505-753-7005
- CVS Pharmacy 505-367-3594
- Espanola Police 911

Local points of interest

Please note all entrance fees are the responsibility of the participants. Time estimates are for round trips.

- Pueblos: San Juan, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Pojoaque, Picuris, Taos, and Nambé (half to full day)
 When Native American ceremonies are held, we encourage visiting groups to take the afternoon off to
 observe the dances. Pictures are usually not allowed ~ you must have permission from the pueblo, or
 your camera will be confiscated.
- Chimayo: Hispanic weaving and Santuario de Chimayo (2 to 3 hours)
- Bandelier National Monument: cliff dwellings and hiking trails (half day)
- Los Alamos: the atomic city, Bradbury Science Museum (3 hours)
- Santa Fe: oldest continuously occupied capital in the new world, numerous museums, shops, galleries, and restaurants (half day)
- **Taos:** Taos has galleries, shops, museums, and restaurants and is a Spanish colonial town. Taos Pueblo is a few miles north of town (half day)

- Truchas-Trampas-Penasco: high road to Taos, Hispanic mountain villages and scenery (half day)
- Ghost Ranch: museum, hiking trail, labyrinth, Abiquiu and Echo Amphitheater (half day)
- **Pecos wilderness:** high mountain hikes (one day)
- Jemez Pueblo and Springs: high country trip (one day)
- Los Luceros Ranch: officially designated as a New Mexico Historic Site, the picturesque 148-acre ranch is located north of Alcalde on the east bank of the Río Grande (2 to 3 hours)

Restaurants: There are a wide variety of fast food and dine in restaurants in Española, as well as several that serve good Northern New Mexico cuisine.

VIM Team Member Application

To be filled out by each team participant and kept in the Team Leader's possession throughout the trip. The Team Leader should also leave a copy of this form with the local church in the event of an emergency.

VIM Team service dates:			
Name:	Date of Birth:	:	
Home phone	Work phone	mm/dd/yyy	y
Cell phone	Age:	Sex:	
Email address:	Occupation:		
Hobbies/interests:	Language	es:	
Missions experience and location:			
Name of Church:			
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When completed please give this application to your Team Leader. This application is for the Team Leader's use in planning your trip to McCurdy.

Date

Applicant's Signature

McCurdy Ministries Community Center Medical & Liability Release

Form Print this form, complete the information, have your signature notarized, and give it to your Team Leader.

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Parental/Guardian Release of Liability and Consent Form

Print this form, complete the information, have your signature notarized, and give it to your Team Leader. The consent must have signatures of parent(s) or guardian(s) (even if divorced or separated). If one parent accompanies the youth, the other parent must sign this form. If one parent is deceased, attach a copy of the death certificate. If there is only one guardian, then one signature will suffice.

We/I,	, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of (minor
child's name)	give our child, a minor residing at (full home
address)	, permission to accompany a
	McCurdy Ministries Community Center in Española, NM, and participate as a
	wledge that we are allowing our child to participate entirely upon our own initiative, risk,
	n advised and understand that the group may be exposed to some risks. Those risks may
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	ith heart conditions or respiratory diseases. The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of
•	ative of some types of risks that may be faced. This release covers all rights and actions of
	on, which the undersigned ever had, now has or but for this release, may have. This
release binds the undersigned an	d his/her heirs, representatives, and assignees.
We further expressly authorize a	nd consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or
treatment, and/or hospital care un	nder the general or special supervision, and on the advice of, a licensed physician,
surgeon, anesthesiologist, dentis	t, or other qualified medical personnel acting under their supervision, for our child, should
the same become necessary beca	use of illness or injury.
I specifically authorize a physici	an or other appropriate medical professional to treat my child's (name particular
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procedure)	and by prescribing (list medication
name and dosage)	and providing such prescription to my child for
treatment.	
Now therefore, in consideration	of the permission extended to our child to participate in the VIM Team trip, we do hereby
for ourselves, our child, and our	heirs, executors, and administrators, remise, release, and forever discharge the team
leader(s) (leader name)	, McCurdy Schools of Northern New
Mexico (Trade name McCurdy M	, McCurdy Schools of Northern New Ministries Community Center) and its employees and board of trustees, as well as all other
	trip, acting officially or otherwise, from all claims, demands, actions or causes of action
	of our child or any injury to our child or loss or damage to property which may occur
from any cause during the trip, a	s well as all ground and flight travel incident to such trip.
It is our intention by this docume	ent to consent to our child's participation in the trip, to consent to allow the team leader(s)
(leader name)	to act in loco parentis (in the place of a parent) for the
duration of the mission trip, and	to waive and forego all right of action by ourselves and our child against the parties
herein before named.	
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Notarization of Liability, Medic	al, and Information Release Form
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VIM Team Service Dates: Team	Age:
Name: Sex: _	
Opportunities to Serve Possible volunteer tasks include office work, general maintenance, l classrooms. Please indicate below the work preferences you prefer.	
Carpentry Indoors Childcare Outdoors Computer/IT Data entry/filing Manual labor Electrical Mid-range manual labor	Programs After-School Assistant Classroom Assistant Preschool Program/Office Asst. Project Cariño /Counseling Assistance (license required) Project Cariño /Office Assistance Camp Stars Assistant
Please Share Your Expertise In order to more fully understand the skills and abilities a team mem share your specific expertise to enable us to better match you to the following space to list any specialized expertise or skills that could partist, seamstress, welder, auto mechanic, plumber, electrician, teach how you envision these skills or abilities being used.	project/work areas that are needed. Use the prove valuable to our mission work (i.e.,
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If you have questions or concerns about this application, please have your team leader email Eufemia Romero at eromero@mccurdy.org or call her at 505-753-7221, ext. 210.