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MCW APPOINTS NEW YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

NEW YORK, NY, April 18, 2016 – MCW, a New York-based non-profit organization dedicated to addressing communities’ pressing needs by empowering current leaders and readying leaders of tomorrow, announced today the appointment of Nitya Ramanathan as Coordinator of the Young Leaders Program.

As the new coordinator of the Young Leaders Program, Nitya will be responsible for supporting the logistics of the program’s annual retreat, leading and creating outreach efforts for alumni, and working with an international group of youth mentors and leaders, all while working with the MCW Young Leaders Program committee.

“Nitya has brought so much passion and creativity to everything that she has done with MCW already, so we are all excited to see what she does with the YLP,” says Regina Leichner, Director of Africa Programs and former Young Leaders Program Coordinator. “Her ability to work well with diverse groups and her understanding of challenges that communities see around the world makes her a great fit for the role.”

Nitya first joined the MCW team in October 2015 as an intern, working closely with Regina as the Young Leaders Program underwent a major restructuring from a one-week summer experience to a year-long program. During her time as an intern, Nitya helped with the application process and review of applicants to the 2016 Alumni Ventures Fund and the 2016 Young Leaders Program, and greatly increased MCW’s online presence among the alumni network. She also oversaw the launch of MCW Stories, a blog with personal testimonies of social injustices, written by YLP Alumni, MCW Friends and Team Members, and others who share the MCW mission.

Nitya is a graduate of the University of Southern California where she earned her B.A. in International Relations with a double minor in Human Rights and Resistance to Genocide. Her academic focus was in post-conflict reconstruction and throughout university she traveled to Sri Lanka, Rwanda, and Northern Ireland to study the issues of justice, education, and women’s rights. Prior to joining MCW, Nitya worked as a Program Consultant at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives, and as a Group Leader at Harlem RBI.

“I’m so excited to be working on the Young Leaders Program,” says Nitya. “It’s an opportunity not only to work with the MCW team, but with amazing young people all over the world who are motivated to make a difference in their communities.”

About MCW

MCW (Miracle Corners of the World) is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 with the vision that communities throughout the world achieve greater levels of education, improved health and increased economic security and a mission to address communities’ pressing needs by empowering current leaders and readying leaders of tomorrow. Based in New York, with partner organizations in Africa (Rwanda, Tanzania and Zambia), MCW offers the following three core programs: the Young Leaders Program, Community Development, and Oral Healthcare, as well as Partner Programs, including Human Rights and Pediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa (PATA) projects. For more information on MCW, please visit: www.mcwglobal.org.