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**MIRACLE CORNERS OF THE WORLD WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**



**NEW YORK, NY, October 1, 2007** – The Board of Directors of Miracle Corners of the World, an international non-profit organization committed to empowering youth to be agents of change in their own communities and around the world, is pleased to announce the appointment of Alfred Hanssen as Associate Executive Director of International Programs.

Mr. Hanssen will be responsible for managing, monitoring and evaluating MCW's international programs. He will also pursue new community development projects and partnerships in Ethiopia, Zambia, and Rwanda, as well as other countries on the continent.

“A combination of vision and management expertise, and his years of experience in designing and building MCW's community centers in Tanzania, present MCW with the unique opportunity to build and advance its international community center initiative”, said Eddie Bergman, MCW's Co-Founder and Executive Director.

Hanssen joins MCW with four years experience working primarily on projects in urban and rural Tanzania. He brings to MCW experience in grassroots community organizing and development, architectural design and construction management, as well as teaching experience at the university and high school levels. Most recently, Hanssen completed an interdisciplinary MSE in Computer and Information Science and Community Development at the University of Pennsylvania's Engineering School.

“I couldn't be more excited about the opportunity to work with this innovative organization that has accomplished so much in such a short time. The MCW team is a constant source of inspiration and always a pleasure to work with both at home and abroad”, said Hanssen. “I'm looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead and to helping MCW live up to its potential. This is truly a great honor.”

Hanssen will travel to Tanzania and Sierra Leone in mid-October to work with MCW's regional project coordinators on the community centers. He will then move to Kigali, Rwanda to begin a new MCW initiative in collaboration with human rights activist and Rwandan genocide survivor Jacqueline Murekatete, as well as local community and team members.

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