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MCW Welcomes New Team Member

NEW YORK, NY, January 22, 2014 – MCW, a non-profit organization committed to empowering youth to be positive agents of change in their own communities, announced today the appointment of Regina Leichner as the new Programs Manager of MCW’s Oral Healthcare Program and the Coordinator of MCW’s Youth Leadership Retreat. Regina will also take the lead with the integration of gender empowerment into MCW’s programs.



“From the beginning, Regina has shown a strong passion for the work of MCW, bringing vision and commitment to each and every task she was given,” said Khalid Elachi, MCW Chief Operating Officer. “She has done exceptional work during her time with us and we are confident she will contribute to the continued growth of our programs and introduce new directions for us to pursue in the future.”

Regina joined MCW as an intern in February 2013, when she helped organize a database of potential grant opportunities and to explore new internet and technology-based development strategies. In April, she helped sell handicrafts from MCW’s community centers in Rwanda and Zambia at MCW’s ninth annual gala.

Prior to completing her internship in May, MCW offered Regina a fellowship with the Oral Healthcare Program. As a fellow, she worked with MCW Oral Healthcare Projects Director, Dr. Marion Bergman, facilitating internal and external correspondences and activities between the program’s stakeholders in the USA and Tanzania and supporting project development, including the installation of a new management software at the MUHAS School of Dentistry in Tanzania.

Prior to MCW, Regina interned with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and worked as a researcher for a case submission to the African Union Courts on Human and People’s Rights. She was a guest speaker at the 2011 UNICTR Capacity Building Program in Kigali, Rwanda, where she presented on the United States and Universal Jurisdiction.

Regina has worked for different community development and social justice organizations in various capacities over the past few years. She helped to launch Jijue, an HIV/AIDS Awareness Education Program in the greater Arusha area in 2011, acted as Temporary Community Outreach Director for Work for Progress in El Paso County, Colorado, and interned with the Africa Program at Vital Voices Global Partnership in Washington, D.C.

Regina is from the Philadelphia area, but has spent time in Paris, France and Arusha, Tanzania. She received a B.A. in International Studies with a focus in Globalization, Development and Human Rights from Arcadia University in 2012.

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