



The

celebrating 15 years of our work & impact

Corner



our mission

MCW is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 with the vision: "Local Change through Global Exchange®" and the mission: to empower youth to become positive agents of change in their communities. Based in New York, with registered partner organizations in Africa (Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zambia), MCW offers four core programs.

our programs

Global Youth Development

The Global Youth Development program helps youth build the skills, confidence and networks to achieve their goals and contribute to their communities through two core activities: the Youth Leadership Retreat and the Alumni Ventures Fund.

Community Development Initiative

The MCW Community Development Initiative program develops and supports community centers as spaces for skills development, entrepreneurship and social services for youth living in underserved communities. MCW has 5 centers: Rwanda (1), Sierra Leone (1), Tanzania (2) and Zambia (1).

Oral Health Care

The Oral Health Care program aims to achieve lasting oral health improvement in Tanzania through three core activities: Infrastructure Upgrade, Capacity Building and Dental Outreaches.

Partner Initiatives

The Partner Initiative program aims to cooperate with partners in the private, public and non-profit sectors to develop projects that make a positive difference in communities.

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local change through global exchange®



dear friends

This year we not only celebrate ten years of galas, but also fifteen years of our work and impact. In the big picture we stand alongside a rich and diverse group of non-profit organizations focusing on youth empowerment and oral health care; however, when we listen to the experiences of the young people involved with our programs over the last fifteen years and see that they are now able to think and reach beyond their own limitations, we know that our time, resources and efforts have been transformative in many ways.

In this special issue of *The Corner* our aim is simply to provide an overview of our work and to show how we have had a positive impact in the areas of global youth development, community development and oral health care. We also aim to show the commitment of our team members and partners along the way. When MCW was established in 1999 we understood that we could have a greater impact by working in partnership with others than by working on our own. We wanted to create opportunities for youth from diverse backgrounds, beliefs and experiences to pursue their dreams and to make a difference in their communities. Fifteen years later, more than 700 youth have graduated from our annual youth leadership retreat.

We've taken this approach and applied it to other areas. For example, together with a wide range of partners from government and business, we are providing the critical tools and resources to improve oral health care in Tanzania. Also, working alongside local boards of directors and leadership teams in the four countries where we work in Africa, we are helping youth acquire the skills and training they need to obtain jobs in their communities. We are also collaborating with partners in the areas of HIV prevention and human rights. These accomplishments motivate us to continue working where we have a measurable impact, and to form new partnerships to address current and arising challenges.

Thank you for taking this journey with us. We look forward to the next fifteen years of opportunity ahead.



Eddie Bergman
Co-founder & President of the Board of Directors



Khalid Elachi
Chief Operating Officer

Learning to “vision.” Youth Leadership Retreat participants draft a newspaper issue dedicated to imagining how MCW might look in twenty years.



2013-4 highlights

global youth development

16th YOUTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT

MCW held its 16th Youth Leadership Retreat at Champlain College in Vermont and New York University from July 11-18.

OPEN DOORS CEREMONY

Family, friends and supporters gathered at NYU on the last day of the retreat, July 18, to learn from the youth about their experiences and vision for their communities.

MCW ALUMNI VENTURES FUND

MCW issued a call for applications to the AVF in the fall, inviting retreat alumni to apply for start-up grants of up to \$5,000 and a year of mentorship.



35 YOUTH DELEGATES

participated in the 2013 retreat including 11 mentors and 24 mentees.

24 FEMALES & 11 MALES

19 INT'L & 16 DOMESTIC

10 COUNTRIES

2013-4 highlights

community center update

RWANDA

In addition to tailoring, IT/computer and traditional dance courses, the roster of programs at the MC-Rwanda (MCR) center expanded to include entrepreneurship training, modern dance, sports and karate. In turn, course enrollment doubled. Also, MCR's genocide survivors' group organized a commemoration in April and in May 2013, Solange Uwimbabazi became the new country director.

SIERRA LEONE

The MC-Sierra Leone (MCSL) center, which offers the only vocational computer training course in the Kono district, an area with a population of 400,000, continued to enroll new students. The center's bakery produced hundreds of loaves of bread daily with the aim of subsidizing course fees.

ZAMBIA

MC-Zambia (MCZ) recruited 30 students to an IT/computer course and 26 to a tailoring course in July. Many students are attracted to the center because of its low fees. To attend, students find temporary lodging in the village of Chanyanya, where the center is based. Also, MCZ submitted a preliminary application to be registered under Teveta, the government body responsible for vocational training.

TANZANIA

In November, MC-Tanzania (MCT) began the process of registering the downtown Songea IT/computer center with VETA, the Vocational Education Training Authority. This involved buying 20 new computers and opening a computer hardware workshop. Students will begin taking the one-year course in July 2014.



282
STUDENTS

taking courses at centers in Arusha, Tanzania; Kono, Sierra Leone and Kaynezi, Rwanda.

173
STUDENTS

enrolled in vocational programs.

23 YEARS OLD

is the average age of students in all programs.

NEARLY 65%

of the students are female.



mcw's third africa leaders seminar

From February 6-9 in 2014, MCW held its third Africa Leaders Seminar in Arusha, Tanzania, where MCW built its first youth-focused community center in 2001. The goal of the seminar was to give participants the tools to design and run government-accredited vocational and IT/computer training courses at their respective community centers and to share business and innovation strategies necessary to make the centers financially sustainable. Seminar participants included representatives from the local boards of directors, country directors and center coordinators from the four countries where MCW works in Africa — Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zambia. Members of the MCW board of directors and team members from the New York office also participated in the seminar, leading workshops on strategic planning, resource development and management techniques. MCW held its first Africa Leaders Seminar in Arusha in May 2008; the second was held in May 2011 in Zambia.



Dr. Charles Robbins, member of MCW's board of directors, with Abdu Mohamed, MC-Tanzania country director.



inspiring trade between the usa and africa

MCW and Inspire Trade have been working together for the past two years to bring handicrafts from the MCW community centers in Rwanda and Zambia to the U.S. market. As a first step, MCW displayed and auctioned off hand-woven plateau baskets, wood carvings and hand-sewn bags made at the community centers in Rwanda and Zambia at the ninth annual gala celebration in April 2013. All of the funds raised at the 2013 gala from the sale of the beautifully designed handicrafts were then re-invested in the MCW community centers. Building on this momentum, Inspire Trade's Nahid Tabatabai visited the community center in Chanyanya, Zambia in March 2014, where she met with the community center's artisans and exchanged design techniques.



2013-4 highlights

oral health care



ZANZIBAR

Following an on-site visit to the island of Zanzibar by the MCW Oral Health Care team, MCW and the dental clinic staff at the Regional Hospital, Mnazi Mmoja, began to focus their efforts on training the dental clinic's staff to operate the donated practice management software program, *Easy Dental*, to ensure more efficient reporting and monitoring. Four staff members will receive training on the program in spring 2014.

DAR ES SALAAM

MCW and Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) signed a third memorandum of understanding (MoU) in early 2014. The MoU is dedicated to upgrading infrastructure at the dental school in order to support internet connectivity and the installation of Dexis Digital X-ray machines and *Dentrix Enterprise* practice management software on 56 new computers. Staff training for these new tools is included in the agreement.

CAPACITY BUILDING

MCW took several steps toward building a more efficient program, including establishing an Oral Health Care Committee and hiring an Oral Health Care program manager, Regina Lechner, who is based at the MCW office in New York.

re-equipping the dental clinic in songea

Renovations began in February on the Liana Cohen Dental Clinic, which was built as a stand alone unit at the Songea community center in 2005. MCW is currently planning to send its tenth dental outreach team to deliver services to the community out of the clinic in the summer of 2014.



building partnerships

To support cooperation between American and Tanzanian dental schools, MCW presented three fourth-year dental students from the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) Dental School with partial funding to participate in UIC's first-ever service rotation program to Africa. The rotation, which took place in March and April 2013, involved clinical experience at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) dental clinic in Dar es Salaam, visiting primary schools in the region and service-learning experiences at rural clinics.





MCW and the Medical Stores Department at the Tanzanian Ministry of Health have been working closely to ensure efficient clearing of a container shipped by freight carrying materials for the project at the MUHAS Dental School. The container was packed with thirteen pallets of digital x-ray equipment, computers pre-loaded with *Dentrix Enterprise* practice management software and materials for installation scheduled in the spring. This project has been supported by Henry Schein, Inc., Henry Schein Cares, Henry Schein Practice Management Solutions and Everlast Logistics. (Above photo: Regina Leichner; Missanga Muja, Clearing Agent and Distribution Manager, MSD; George Methusela, Assistant Clearing Manager, MSD; Dr. Sirra Owibwingire, Associate Dean, MUHAS Dental School; Professor Emil Kikwilu, Former Dean, MUHAS Dental School; Dr. Marion Bergman; and Mary Ringo, Clearing Manager, MSD.)

2013-4 highlights

partner initiatives



The pediatric team from Songea.

pediatric AIDS treatment for africa

MCW provided funding for two treatment teams from Kenya and Tanzania to participate in the Pediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa (PATA) 2013 East Africa Regional Forum in Tanzania from November 11-14, 2013. Under the banner "2014 and Beyond: Barriers, Bottlenecks and Solutions," the event dealt with child malnutrition, maternal health and managing HIV, TB and malaria. Team members included doctors, nurses, counselors, pharmacists and home-based care providers.

genocide prevention & human rights

On April 14, 2013, MCW held its seventh annual commemoration for the nineteenth anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda at New York University's Law School. Nearly 100 people gathered to learn about the importance of prevention, not only in Rwanda but also in other areas of the world where mass atrocities are taking place and not receiving sufficient attention from the international community and media.

2013-4 highlights

ninth annual gala celebration



Peter Klein of the Claire Friedlander Family Foundation receives the MCW Appreciation Award in recognition of their three-year commitment to support MCW's Global Youth Development Program.

MCW celebrated its fourteenth year of activity at its ninth annual gala at New York University's Kimmel Center on April 9, 2013. The gala honored prominent individuals and organizations that share MCW's mission and values and help sustain its programs through their personal leadership and philanthropic support. The event raised almost \$900,000 to support MCW's efforts in the USA and Africa. Over 400 guests attended the evening event, which included a silent auction and the opportunity to purchase hand-woven baskets, wood carvings and hand-sewn bags from MCW's community centers in Rwanda and Zambia.



financial summary

MCW Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2013

(Prepared for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013)

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions:

Restricted	\$462,684
Unrestricted	\$712,613
Total operating revenue	\$1,175,297

Non-operating revenue

Investment income	\$2,718
Total non-operating revenue	\$2,718
Total revenue	\$1,178,015

EXPENSES

Program services:

Community Development Programs	\$350,418
Youth Leadership Training	\$132,475
Partner Initiatives	\$21,760
Health care outreach	\$281,643

Support services:

Management and general	\$47,297
Fund-raising	\$92,874

Total expenses	\$926,467
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Notes

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents: MCW considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.
2. MCW receives in-kind support from various sources in support of its projects. In-kind contributions are reported as contributions and expenses in the accompanying statement of revenue, expenses and changes in fund net assets at their estimated fair value at date of donation. In-kind contributions for the year ended December 31, 2013 recorded in the financial statements were \$256,600. Included in this amount are: \$900 for Community Development Initiatives; \$2,000 for General Administration and Expenses; \$800 for Youth Leadership Programs; and \$252,900 for Oral Health Care Programs. In-kind contributions of volunteer time or technical assistance are not included in these numbers.
3. The Statement of Financial Position was prepared by an independent auditor, Peter J. Bertuglia (Certified Public Accountant, P.C.). Copies are available on file at MCW's office in New York City.



celebrating 15 years of our work & impact



MCW was founded to empower young people to realize their visions and dreams by coming together and learning from one another's experiences and taking those experiences and working hard to make a difference in global communities, and also in our communities at home.

EDDIE BERGMAN, CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, MCW

MCW MILESTONE

1999: Eddie and Rob decide to establish a youth-focused non-profit organization.

OUR MISSION

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It does matter where you are on life's ladder; everyone can help someone. When we give to others, we are also giving to the essence of who we are, human beings.

ROB ALSBROOKS, CO-FOUNDER, MCW

MCW MILESTONE

2006: MCW launches a newsletter called *The Corner*.



the early years



THE EARLY YEARS

MIRACLE CORNERS OF THE WORLD (MCW)

in the beginning



In 1999, Eddie Bergman, 19, of suburban Long Island and Rob Alsbrooks, 28, of inner-city Philadelphia met through Eddie's brother Paul Bergman and discovered that even though their life experiences were different, they shared a common purpose: to make a difference in the lives of young people around the world.

Eddie and Rob turned to their mentors for guidance in this common pursuit, drawing inspiration from Dr. Edward B. Shils, founding Director of the Entrepreneurial Center at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School; Dr. Herman Wrice, a Philadelphia-based community organizer, who created Turnaround America, an anti-drug campaign, in the early 1990s; and Dr. Peter White, Eddie's Northport High School social studies teacher and founder of Students for 60,000, a student club that pursues humanitarian projects worldwide. These mentors helped Eddie and Rob crystallize their ideas and develop concrete plans of action.

As a next step, Rob joined Eddie on a trip to the Ivory Coast where they helped build a three-room school house and launched a women's agricultural initiative that Eddie began in high school with Students for 60,000.

Inspired by their trip to Africa, Eddie and Rob established Miracle Corners of the World (MCW) as a non-profit organization with a mission to empower youth to become positive agents of change in their communities. The name was inspired by Rob's work in Philadelphia transforming a street corner "controlled" by drugs into a safe, drug-free space. Under the mentorship of Dr. Wrice, Rob and a team of local youth turned an abandoned lot on 34th Street into a space for small business development using principles of social entrepreneurship. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* called the transformation of the corner a "Miracle on 34th Street." Rob later called what Eddie had initiated in the Ivory Coast a "Miracle in Tangoumassou."

GLOBAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Helping youth build the skills, confidence and networks to achieve their goals and contribute to their communities through two core activities: the Annual Youth Leadership Retreat & the Alumni Ventures Fund.

Social entrepreneurship for MCW is the idea of helping the community and improving yourself. People come to MCW with a vision for change and we help them develop a plan to implement it in their communities. It's a progression, where they gain the tools, the networks and the confidence to realize their goals.

KHALID ELACHI, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, MCW

The Alumni Ventures Fund is our opportunity to empower youth, now and in the future. We're taking the spirit, the essence and the assets of MCW, which are the young people, and giving them a chance to fulfill their dreams by mentoring them and investing in their visions.

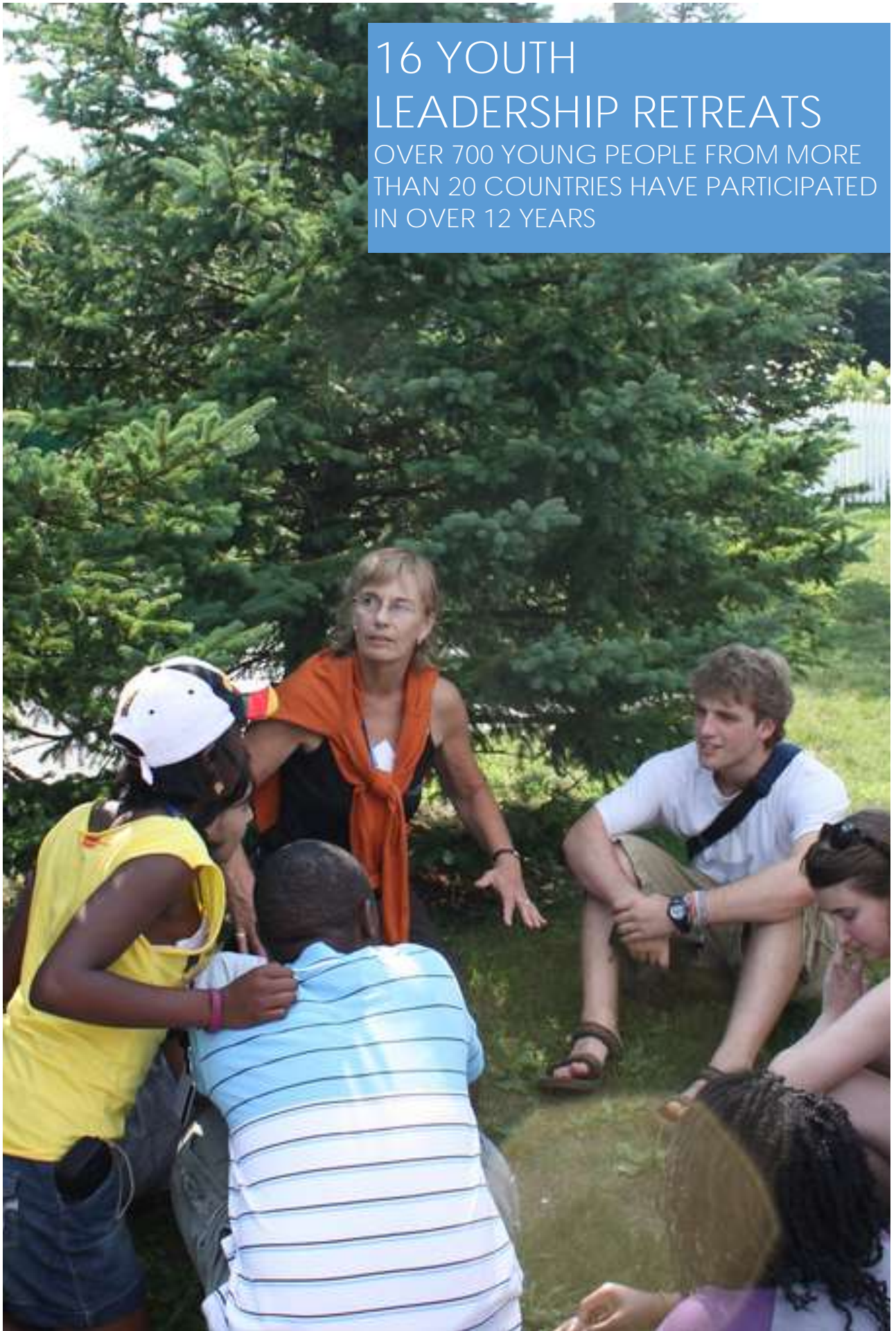
STEVE KESS, VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS FOR HENRY SCHEIN, INC., AND FOUNDING MENTOR, MCW

MCW MILESTONE

2008: MCW holds its first Africa Leaders Seminar in Arusha, Tanzania.

16 YOUTH LEADERSHIP RETREATS

OVER 700 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM MORE
THAN 20 COUNTRIES HAVE PARTICIPATED
IN OVER 12 YEARS



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

OUR APPROACH

Youth Leadership Retreat (YLR)



The MCW Youth Leadership Retreat brings together youth, mainly between the ages of 16 and 22, to discuss challenges they face in their lives or communities and to develop concrete plans to address them. MCW calls this process “vision planning.”

Introduced in 2003, the “vision plan” offers youth the opportunity to turn their aspirations for change into reality. Past vision plans have ranged from applying to college and raising funds to make a movie, to dealing with teenage depression and building a business to provide jobs to unemployed youth.

All the youth apply to the retreat with an idea. Then, with guidance from past participants (“mentors”) and the retreat leadership team, including MCW board members, staff and volunteers, the youth participate in a range of interactive workshops led by inspirational leaders who have demonstrated innovation in the business, government and nonprofit sectors. The workshops focus on different issues such as social impact, entrepreneurship and leadership.

MCW uses the cultural and economic diversity of its international participants as a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and build relationships. The experience provides the youth with a diverse network of individuals from around the world that they can leverage for change in their communities and their lives.

American, Armenian, Chinese, Hungarian, Indian, Israeli, Kosovar, Kyrgyz, Nigerian, Palestinian, Rwandan, South African, Sudanese, Tanzanian, Zambian and Zimbabwean participants have attended the retreat. Many come from underserved communities in the USA and around the world and receive financial assistance from MCW to attend the event.

FACE OF MCW

INBAR FRUCHSAD

Youth Leadership Retreat Participant



My name is Inbar Fruchsad and I am from Tel Aviv-Jaffa, an area of many different cultures. Growing up in this environment has made me fascinated with people. I always seek to appreciate both the differences and similarities in them.

In 2006, when I was 18, my mentor in an academic excellence program at high school introduced me to MCW. From the moment I first joined the youth leadership retreat, I felt I was in a place where I belonged. I wasn't able to participate in the next few leadership retreats due to my army service but in 2012 I returned as a mentor. Since then, I've returned every summer to help the amazing MCW team and to meet and mentor inspiring youth from around the world.

The experiences with MCW have stayed with me during the years. The skills that I have gained from the workshops are always useful and meeting such incredible people keeps me aspiring for more. Living in Europe as a student, I see that youth programs here are generally affiliated with religion, ethnicity or political viewpoints. The uniqueness of the retreat and MCW is that they have created an environment where the participants are viewed purely as human beings. They understand that nothing is impossible.

My vision is to expose more people from Europe to the MCW retreat and hopefully to create a similar experience here in the near future.

FACE OF MCW

MAHMOUD JABARI

Youth Leadership Retreat Participant



I was born in Bethlehem. This is one of the reasons why I seek to build a peaceful world. It is a very meaningful city, where peace can be felt. My hometown is Hebron, famous for its embroidery, olives, stones and paint which are exported all over the world. It is also where the prophet Abraham is buried and where Jews and Muslims have lived side by side for centuries, even before the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

I participated in my first retreat in the summer of 2009 and developed great relationships, especially with Dr. Cathy DeLeo, one of the MCW team leaders. I learned a lot from her, especially that you should always offer to help no matter who the person is. She makes me feel that Vermont, where the retreat is held, is my home. I became a mentor in 2010 in order to continue learning and sharing with new participants and to strengthen my connections with youth from around the world. MCW is a global family to whom I can always turn to seek advice.

During the retreat I learned how to develop a vision plan. I also learned how to overcome potential obstacles and to use tools learned at the retreat to keep me on track. My vision is to ensure that individuals with hearing impairments in Palestine have access to educational and social activities. I hope my vision will allow an ignored group in my community to become active members of it. It is part of my personal mission to prove that all humans should have a voice in contributing to their community.

Mahmoud is currently studying at Champlain College in Vermont.

Excerpts from a profile written by Hannah Lee in 2010

alumni ventures fund

To celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2009, MCW launched the Alumni Ventures Fund (AVF) at its annual gala. AVF offers Youth Leadership Retreat alumni the opportunity to apply and receive a grant of up to \$5,000 and a year of mentorship to turn their vision into a reality. Since its creation four grants have been awarded to youth from the USA and Tanzania. Shawn Crosby, originally from Cleveland, Ohio was one of the first AVF recipients. His vision was to establish The American Children's Organization (TACO), a non-profit that promotes post-secondary education and professional career opportunities for teens. Today, TACO is a registered non-profit organization serving over 120 teens each year. The TACO team guides participants through a program that teaches life skills and character development and supports the creation of a fifty-year life plan with higher education being a major component. TACO programs are offered in the Atlanta Public Schools, Morehouse College Upward Bound Program and in churches in the greater Atlanta area.



The MCW community is a series of mentoring relationships. We cultivate and mentor young adults from around the world who influence others in their communities in such a way that it allows them to grow, so they can, in turn, duplicate this attitude in others.

ANNA CONDOULIS, MCW'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1999-2013)

MCW convenes youth from widely disparate places, contexts and cultures. In a single vibrant week, they find common ground, design vision plans, discover their similarities, honor their differences and forge great friendships. As a result, year after year, miracle corners multiply worldwide.

ROBERTA RICHIN, MCW BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERITUS

MCW MILESTONE

2010: MCW receives Special Consultative Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

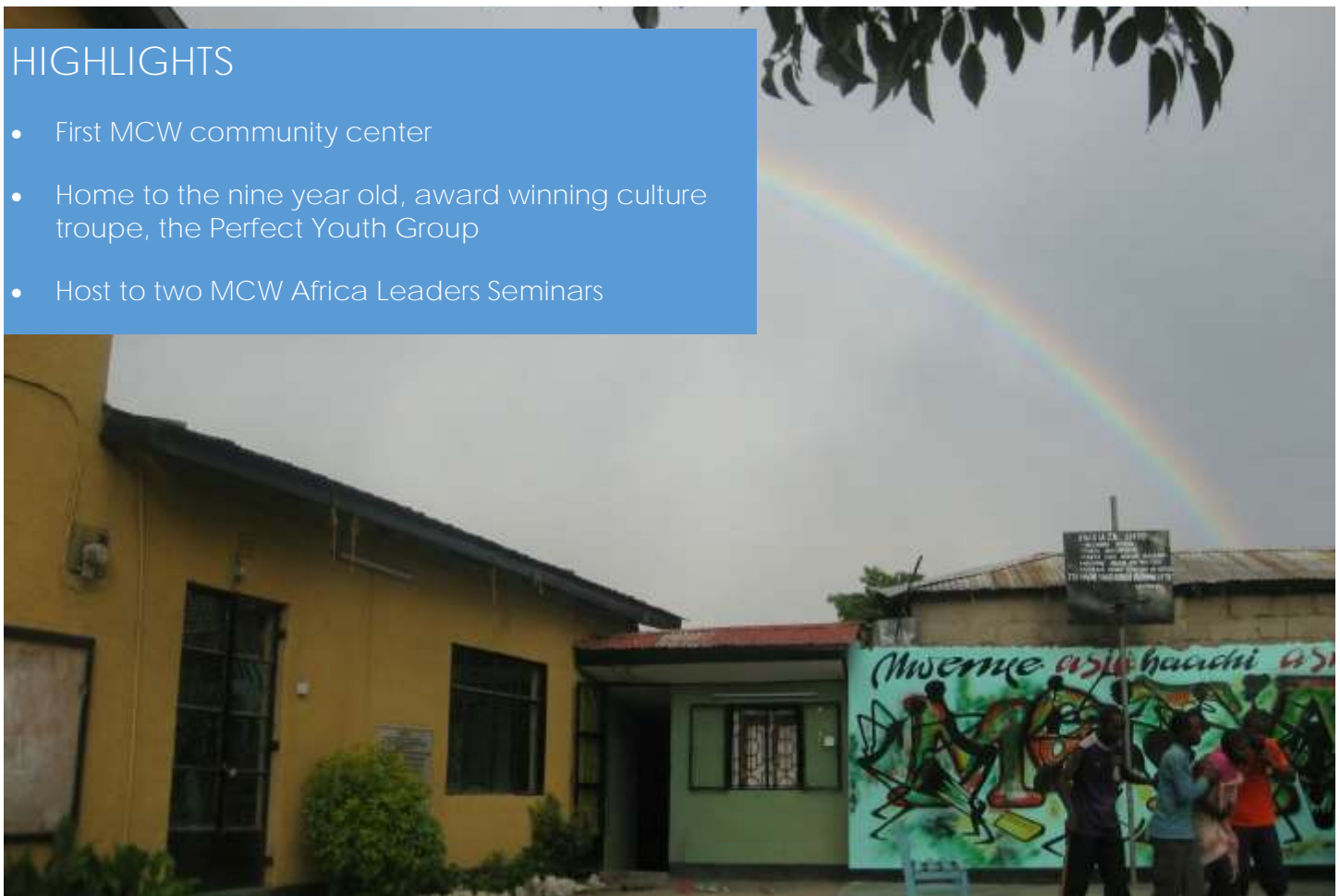
Developing and supporting
community centers as spaces
for skills development,
entrepreneurship and social
services.

mc-tanzania, arusha

Eddie and Rob traveled to Arusha, Tanzania in 2001, where they met youth living in the urban neighborhood of Majengo Juu and learned about the lack of opportunities for young people living in the area. To address this critical situation MCW purchased a piece of land where they constructed MCW's first youth-focused community center. That year, in tribute to their mentors, the Dr. Herman Wrice Youth Empowerment Community Center opened. The center included a room for IT/computer training named in honor of Dr. Edward B. Shils. With the creation of the Arusha community center, MCW laid the foundations for the development of a sustainable community center model that would be shared with other communities across Africa. Current programming at the Arusha center includes IT/computer training and English courses, pre-school education and a youth group.

HIGHLIGHTS

- First MCW community center
- Home to the nine year old, award winning culture troupe, the Perfect Youth Group
- Host to two MCW Africa Leaders Seminars



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

OUR APPROACH

Community Development Initiative (CDI)



At the heart of the CDI program is a commitment to empower the community to own, oversee and operate the community centers. In the countries where MCW works, MCW registers a local entity (e.g. MC-Tanzania) responsible for fiduciary, programmatic and strategic issues. Each entity is led by a board of directors comprised of stakeholders representing public bodies, businesses, non-profits and MCW-New York.

The local boards develop plans to introduce micro-enterprises, also known as income-generating activities (IGAs), at the centers. IGA profits cover daily operating costs, allowing the centers to offer courses at a lower rate than similar schools in the community or country. Current IGAs include a piggery in Zambia and a bakery in Sierra Leone.

The centers also offer high-quality, low-cost vocational training courses. At some centers courses are 20% of the market rate, allowing youth who may not be able to afford an education to participate in our courses. Additionally, MCW offers a number of social programs at each center based on the specific needs of the community.

As an investment in the leadership at the centers MCW, created the George Sideris Memorial Scholarship Fund in November 2011, offering scholarships and stipends to individuals wanting to pursue further education. Thanks to the fund, eight individuals in MCW's African network are pursuing education in fields as diverse as social work, business administration, community development and environmental studies.

In 2012 MCW launched *MCW Capture*, a computer-based software program that allows the MCW team to collect and monitor participant data.

mc-tanzania, songea

In 2003 the Arusha district commissioner, Honorable Bertha Mende, who was familiar with MCW's youth-focused community center model in Arusha, was transferred to Songea, a rural district located in the southwest region of the country near the Mozambique border. The commissioner soon invited MCW to expand its programs beyond Arusha to Songea. To make this happen, she helped secure land for a new MCW community center. In August 2005 MCW opened its second center in the village of Kipera, a forty-minute walk from downtown Songea. The center, which sits on 52 acres, is home to classrooms, housing units and a stand-alone dental clinic. In 2009 responding to requests from the local community, MCW expanded the scope of its programs to downtown Songea, where it opened an IT/computer training center.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Highest number of IT/computer students in MCW network
- All current MCT Songea team members are graduates of its IT/computer training course



FACE OF MCW

AMBASSADOR DAUDI MWAKAWAGO

MCW Founding Mentor



In 2001, when construction on MCW's first community center began in Arusha, Eddie visited Tanzania's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York City. There, he met the former Tanzanian ambassador to the United Nations, Daudi Mwakawago.

The Ambassador was inspired by MCW's work and supported Eddie and the organization's work in Tanzania. As a first step he introduced MCW to both the regional and district commissioners of Arusha. The district commissioner was later transferred to Songea invited MCW to establish a second community center in the country.

In 2004 the Ambassador was appointed as the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations to lead the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sierra Leone. Soon after his arrival the Ambassador invited MCW to bring its grassroots approach to the country to create opportunities for youth in the post-war reconstruction process. In 2006 MCW opened its first center in East Freetown, Sierra Leone, appropriately named the Mwakawago Youth Empowerment Community Center in appreciation of the Ambassador.

The Ambassador remained a close and trusted advisor to the MCW team up until his passing in February 2010. Today, his daughter Tagie Mwakawago serves on MCT's board of directors.

mc-sierra leone, kono

Based on MCW's success in Tanzania, Ambassador Mwakawago, who was appointed to be the UN Secretary General's Special Representative to the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sierra Leone, suggested that MCW bring its grassroots, youth-focused programs to the West African country where he was based. To assess the country's readiness for an MCW youth center, Eddie traveled to Sierra Leone several times, meeting with a wide range of stakeholders. In August 2006 MCW opened the Mwakawago Youth Empowerment Community Center in East Freetown. Five years later MCW transitioned ownership of the center to the local community, concentrating on a new center in the remote, diamond-mining district of Kono. Kono was the most severely affected region during Sierra Leone's ten-year civil war (1991 to 2001). Currently the district is neither connected to the national power grid nor accessible by a paved road. Still, MCSL established the first IT/computer training program in the region.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Located in a district disconnected from the national power grid, the center is home to the first computer/IT training school in the Kono district
- Income-generating bakery produces hundreds of loaves of bread daily



FACE OF MCW

DORIS BONDU LEBBIE

Country Coordinator of MC-Sierra Leone-Kono



Doris Bondu Lebbie is the coordinator of the MC-Sierra Leone community center in Kono, a diamond-rich district in the Eastern Province of Sierra Leone. Doris lives with her husband and four adopted children in the village of Sukudu, which like much of Sierra Leone, is involved in small-scale agriculture and diamond mining.

In 1998, before the start of the decade-long civil war, Doris left Sierra Leone for neighboring Guinea. There, she lived and worked in a refugee camp. Upon her return to Sierra Leone in 2004, Doris found a job with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), which was assessing the post-conflict needs of the Sukudu community.

In December 2008 Doris was the only woman to attend a community meeting on MCW, which was organized prior to the arrival of a new MCW fellow, Amanda Blount. The village chief appointed Doris as Sukudu's liaison with MCW. In 2010 she was named the community center coordinator, overseeing daily operations.

"The center is popular with the community as many unskilled youth benefit from the computer and internet programs. This training gives them an upper hand in the job market. Every day youth come to the school asking if they can join the class and we have to turn them away. We just don't have the space or enough computers."

Doris hopes that MCW can expand the center: "It's important to provide opportunities to as many youth as possible because unemployment is such a big issue."

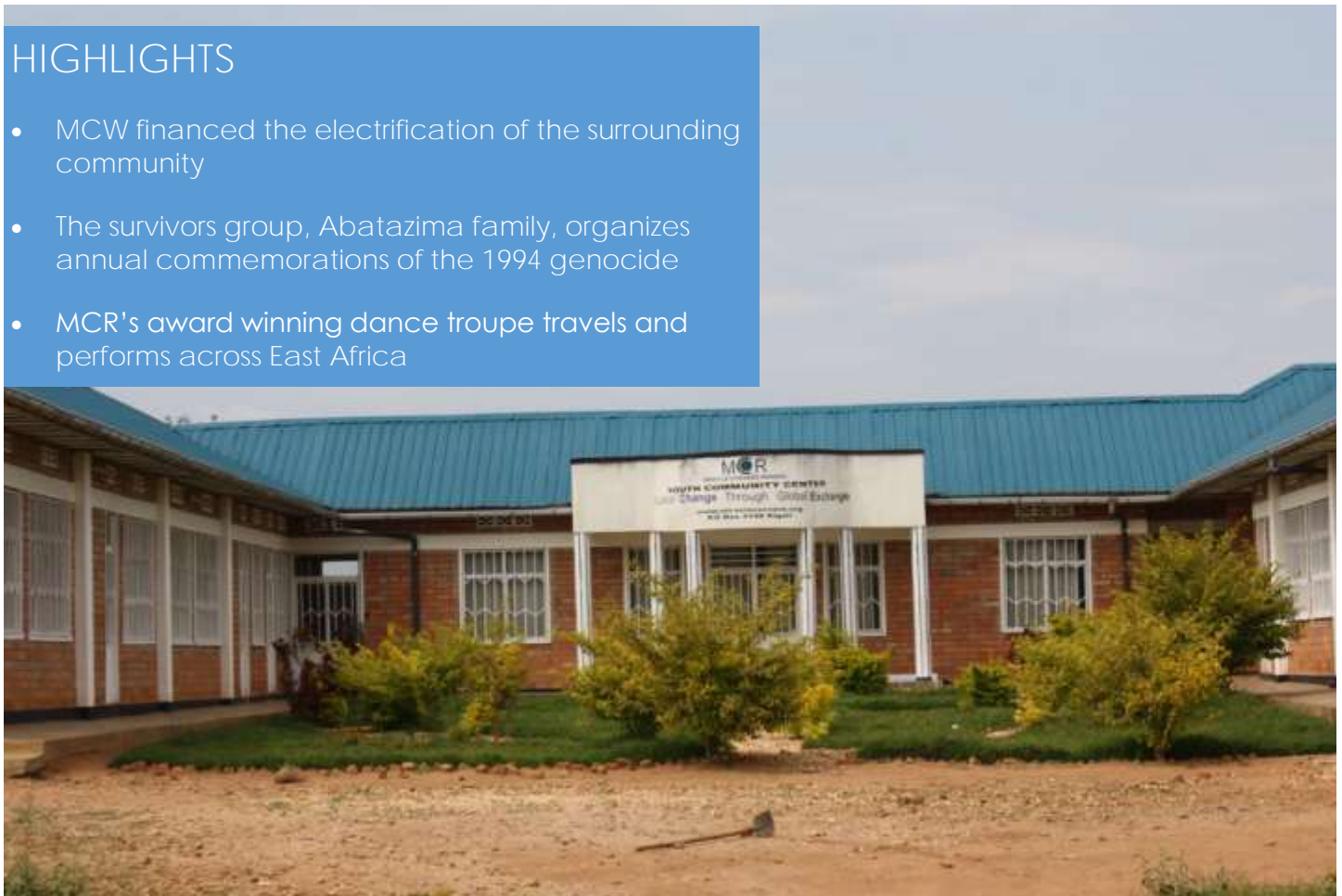
Excerpts from profile by Zoi Calomiris in 2011

mc-rwanda, kayenzi

In August 2011 MCW opened a new community center in Kayenzi, a village located in the Bugesera district, which was chosen as the site for MC-Rwanda's work due to the high level of genocide survivors living in the area. The center's opening brought together over 600 community members and an MCW delegation from the USA which was instrumental in raising support for its construction. The center was built in partnership with MCW Partner Initiative, MCW Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner, headed by a longtime MCW fellow and Rwanda genocide survivor, Jacqueline Mukerekate. In addition, significant support for the community center and its programs were raised at five fundraising dinners hosted by Victor Gruber on the west coast of the USA. Current course offerings at the Rwanda center include tailoring, IT/computer training, handicraft production, entrepreneurship training, a dance troupe and a survivors group.

HIGHLIGHTS

- MCW financed the electrification of the surrounding community
- The survivors group, Abatazima family, organizes annual commemorations of the 1994 genocide
- MCR's award winning dance troupe travels and performs across East Africa



FACE OF MCW

YVONNE MAKARUGEMA

Youth Coordinator at MC-Rwanda-Kayenzi



Yvonne Makarugema is the youth coordinator at the MC-Rwanda community center in Kayenzi, Bugesera District. As a young social entrepreneur, Yvonne started a dance troupe in the community where she lives. The troupe performed at weddings and ceremonies and raised funds for the young dancers' school fees.

To expand her impact beyond her own community, Yvonne decided to join the MCR community center as the youth coordinator. In this position she began an income-generating project to raise funds for the center by making traditional Rwandan plateau baskets and hand woven bags.

Yvonne points out three main reasons why youth activities at the community center are important: "It creates a positive activity for kids; it gives them confidence and pride in themselves; and it instills important lessons like respect for your elders."

When thinking about the future of the center, Yvonne says, "My long-term goal is to create a youth club at the community center for children with learning and behavioral disabilities. Students with expertise in different activities will conduct workshops to create a friendly environment within the community. In the end, I hope to create a system where the students of today become the instructors of tomorrow."

Excerpts from a profile written by Robyn Bobby Gikundiro Deutsch in 2011

mc-zambia, chanyanya

Kabinga Pande, a close MCW friend who was born and raised in Zambia, had a vision of building an MCW center in the country for many years. This vision was realized in 2011 when MCW opened a community center in the heart of Chanyanya, a small fishing village nestled on a lagoon off the Kafue River. Government sponsored primary and secondary education in Chanyanya goes up to seventh grade. The lack of educational opportunities and high levels of unemployment mean that MC-Zambia's primary goal is to attract youth as they finish government school and encourage them to enroll in the community center's vocational skills training courses. MCZ's courses are offered at subsidized rates due to income-generating activities based at the center that generate profit to underwrite courses and maintain daily operations. Current offerings include IT/computer training, fashion and design, handicraft production and a youth group. Income-generating activities include a piggery, handicrafts and facility rentals.

HIGHLIGHTS

- First income-generating activity (e.g. piggery) at an MCW community center
- Course fees are twenty percent of market rate



FACE OF MCW

MARY NSUNGA

Coordinator of MC-Zambia-Chanyanya



Mary Nsunga has been the coordinator of the MC-Zambia community center in Chanyanya for the last three years. Her responsibilities include monitoring daily operations at the center, organizing the youth group activities and recruiting students to enroll in the center's programs.

"When I started with MC-Zambia, I was a volunteer for four months. I organized youth activities such as football, debate club and traditional dance," she explains.

Mary became the center coordinator in 2011, when she participated in MCW's second Africa Leaders Seminar. "I was motivated because I was given new roles and responsibilities and I understood my role within MCW."

In 2014, Mary will begin a two-year certificate course in social work with support from the George Sideris Memorial Scholarship Fund. The course will be taught on the weekends with Mary continuing in her role at MCZ during the week.

"The most interesting part of working with MC-Zambia is that I like interacting with the youth and working to improve the services of the center. I also like working with the entire community and providing them with good services."



mcw creates opportunities for youth in africa

Khalid Elachi, MCW's Chief Operating Officer, delivered a presentation on MCW's community centers at a conference on the role of tourism in driving economic growth in Cameroon from October 16-20, 2013. In his remarks, Khalid spoke about how MCW's community centers provide youth who lack access to education beyond primary or secondary school with an opportunity to enroll in low-cost educational and vocational courses.

"Tourism in Africa is growing and, in turn, it's creating opportunities for youth to find jobs in the industry. MCW's centers, which are located in countries with growing, strong tourism economies, like Tanzania, Zambia and Rwanda, provide the skills that enable youth to take advantage of these job opportunities."

Khalid presented the center in Arusha, a main hub for tourism in Tanzania and East Africa, as an example, explaining that the center offers English courses which provide language training for working as a tour guide or at a hotel or restaurant. He also spoke about how the center's IT/computer training courses offer youth the basic skills needed for positions in hotels and airline offices. He added that the center also supports a culture troupe that often performs for tourists. Khalid wrapped up by turning to Zambia and Rwanda and introducing the handicraft training courses at the centers that engage local communities directly in the tourism economy.

ORAL HEALTH CARE

Achieving lasting oral health improvement in Tanzania through three core activities:
Infrastructure Upgrade,
Capacity Building and
Dental Outreaches

Our view is that there are 40 million people in Tanzania and they don't have enough dentists. We can't solve that problem over night, but by working on the dental school and getting it to a top-level where they can efficiently train dentists, we felt that would be the beginning of a change for Tanzania.

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MCW MILESTONE

2012: MCW organizes its first young professionals event for program alumni to network in NYC.

infrastructure upgrade, dar es salaam

In November 2009 Tanzanian H.E. President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete opened the newly renovated Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) School of Dentistry at a ceremony in Dar es Salaam. The renovation, valued at nearly \$2 million, began with a call to action from the President to Dr. Marion Bergman, MCW Oral Health Care Program Director. The President recognized that MCW was well-positioned to facilitate an upgrade of the school's clinic, which was still operating with equipment installed in 1984. This led to a two-year effort to build a public-private partnership among Tanzanian health officials, MUHAS Dentistry School faculty and international dental supply providers under the umbrella of the MCW Oral Health Care program. The result was the upgrade of the infrastructure, equipment and capacities of the country's only dental school.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

PUTTING TEETH INTO NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Oral Health Care



The Government of Tanzania, with support from MCW, organized a side event during the United Nations General Assembly meetings in New York City in 2011 under the banner of “Putting Teeth into Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).” Tanzanian President H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete delivered the keynote address at the event, highlighting the importance of linking NCDs, including oral health, to primary health care strategies and plans.

“I implore my fellow heads of state and governments to include oral health among the NCDs and for health ministries to become more engaged. We must have a shared sense of moral duty to make proper oral health a priority,” said the President.

Over 100 dental health experts and leaders, as well as high-level representatives from the diplomatic community, attended the symposium, which was held at the New York University College of Dentistry.

Tanzania sponsored the awareness raising event with support from the World Health Organization and co-sponsors Australia and Sweden, as well as Henry Schein Cares and Colgate Palmolive. As result of the event, MCW funded the printing of the Tanzania Ministry of Health and Social Welfare's “Strategic Oral Health Plan 2012-2017.”

infrastructure upgrade, zanzibar

In 2010 Ambassador Amina Ali, the Zanzibar-born African Union Ambassador to the USA, asked MCW to refurbish the dental clinic at the government-run Mnazi Mmoja National Hospital (MMNH) in Stone Town, Zanzibar. In search of a suitable site for a sustainable regional dental clinic modelled on the dental clinic at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) School of Dentistry, MCW decided to visit the island to begin dialogue with MMNH representatives and Zanzibar's Ministry of Health. In November 2011 a memorandum of understanding dedicated to advancing Zanzibar's oral health care system was signed with MCW agreeing to facilitate the donation of dental equipment, supplies and a practice management system. MCW also committed to training clinic personnel on how to use the donations. The renovated dental clinic reopened in March 2012.



dental outreaches

MCW's oral health care efforts in Tanzania initially focused on short-term dental outreaches. The first dental outreach, which was organized by New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD) student Ruben Cohen with support from faculty member and MCW board emeritus, Dr. Anthony Vernillo, took place in August 2001 at the MCW community center in Arusha. The next two outreaches were held at the Regional Hospital in Songea. In August 2005 MCW opened the Liana Cohen Dental Clinic on the site of the new MCW center in Songea. The clinic was equipped with four dental units donated by Sirona Dental Systems and product donations from Henry Schein, Inc. That year, a fourth outreach team, organized in partnership with NYUCD, screened 600 school children and provided services to over 300 adults and children.



PARTNER INITIATIVES

Cooperating with partners in the private, public and non-profit sectors to develop projects that make a positive difference in communities.



pediatric AIDS treatment for africa

Since 2005 MCW has sponsored the participation of eight treatment teams from Songea, Tanzania and Transmara, Kenya in an annual Pediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa (PATA) conference in Africa. PATA is a network of treatment teams from more than 170 clinics in 24 African countries united by the common goal of expanding access to quality care for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

human rights symposiums

Beginning in April 2007 MCW collaborated with MCW Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner to either organize or support seven human rights symposiums dealing with topics such as genocide prevention, transitional justice and survivors' rights. These events, which have been held mainly in New York City in April, have also commemorated the anniversary of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi.

shipping containers of donations to africa

In 2005 MCW donated 20,000 books to a new library at St. Augustine University in the city of Iringa, Tanzania. The books were donated by McGraw Hill Companies, New Jersey Islamic Interfaith Dialogue Center, the American Jewish Committee and Lyndon State College. Since then, MCW has partnered with Everlast Logistics to send seven shipments of donations, including books, dental and medical supplies, shoes, computers, sporting equipment, toys and clothing to Rwanda, Tanzania and Sierra Leone.

project kili with lyndon state college in arusha

In December 2005 Lyndon State College (LSC) faculty, alumni and friends participated in Project Kili. The project provided the LSC students and members of the Arusha community center with the opportunity to learn, serve and summit Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak, together. The program was developed with EDUCO Africa, a South African non-profit that recruited South African youth to participate in MCW's youth leadership retreats.



partnership for literacy in zambia

MCW partnered with long-time supporter KPMG on its "KPMG Family for Literacy" program in 2011 at its community center in Chanyanya, Zambia. The firm established the KPMG Family for Literacy program in 2007 to support and expand upon its philanthropic focus on youth and education. The program provides children from low-income families with their own new books — and in many cases, their very first book. The partnership expanded in 2013 when KPMG's Zambia office visited MC-Zambia's center once again to distribute holiday cards and books to students from the Chanyanya basic and community schools.



MCW's First Gala (March 2005, NYU)

MCW held its first gala in March at New York University's Kimmel Center, raising more than \$100,000 for MCW programs. Former New York City Mayor David Dinkins delivered the evening's keynote address. MCW's fourth Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Dr. David F. Finney, former NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies dean.



MCW's Sixth Gala (April 2010, NYU)

MCW celebrated a decade of experience with honoree Dikembe Motumbo, retired player for the Houston Rockets, by ringing in the opening bell at NASDAQ in Times Square.



MCW's Eighth Gala (April 2011, NYU)

Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel received the MCW Lifetime Achievement Award.

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