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**The Time Has Come: Apply Now for the MCW Alumni Ventures Fund**

Now is the time.

MCW will officially open the MCW Alumni Ventures Fund application process at its annual Open Doors Ceremony on Thursday, July 18 from 5:30-7:30, at New York University's Kimmel Center for University Life.

Here's what the MCW Alumni Ventures Fund offers:

- A start-up grant up to \$5,000 to turn an idea for a community-based project into reality.
- A year of mentorship.

The recipient(s) will be announced in fall 2013.

Learn more about the fund at <http://www.mcwglobal.org/Project.asp?cid=18&pr=13&i=129>.



*Brooklyn-born Chris Bashinelli, 24 (middle), received the 2011 MCW Alumni Venture Fund award. The grant supports the "Pine Ridge Launch," a project that aims to organize a series of community engagements across South Dakota, including the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.*

**About MCW**

MCW is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 with the vision of "Local Change through Global Exchange®" and mission is to empower youth to become positive agents of change in their communities. Based in New York with affiliates in Africa, MCW offers Leadership Training, Community Centers and Oral Healthcare programs, as well as Partner Initiatives (MCW Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner). For more information visit [www.mcwglobal.org](http://www.mcwglobal.org).