

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

MCW Communications Team

[info@mcwglobal.org](mailto:info@mcwglobal.org)

[www.mcwglobal.org](http://www.mcwglobal.org)

+1.212.453.5811

### **MCW Expands Annual Youth Program Under Young Leaders**

**NEW YORK, NY, January 13, 2016** – MCW Global (Miracle Corners of the World), a non-profit organization that addresses communities' pressing needs by empowering current leaders and readying leaders of tomorrow, announced today a reorganization of its youth-focused programming, in an effort to deepen its impact in preparing youth leaders to implement change in their communities around the world.

Under the new umbrella of the Young Leaders Program (YLP), the Annual International Youth Leadership Retreat will kick off a yearlong program during which Young Leaders will implement positive change in their communities.

“As the organization restructures our programs to focus more on the community level, we saw a huge opportunity to expand our annual program beyond a one-week experience in the summer,” said Young Leaders Program Coordinator, Regina Leichner.

“Young people often have the solutions to the problems their communities face, but are not empowered or lack the skills to implement change. We believe that by investing more in the youth that come to our retreat and providing crucial follow up support, our program will be more effective in readying young people to be the drivers of change in their communities.”

Key changes to the program include formalized, yearlong guidance from mentors, who will help advise the Young Leaders as they create and implement their plans for change, as well as additional resources provided throughout the year to Young Leaders by MCW through an online workshop series and an online platform available to alumni. Mentors will also receive more in-depth training prior to the retreat in the U.S.

“2016 is going to be a banner year for the Young Leaders Program,” says Dr. Charles Robbins, a member of MCW's Board of Directors and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges at Stony Brook University. “As a result of the hard work of the MCW Board, Staff and YLP Committee, the overall program and the Youth Leadership Retreat is being stepped up to the next level. The Young Leaders Program will be the definitive program that prepares young people to become change agents in their communities.”

MCW is currently accepting applications for the 2016 Young Leaders Program. The application and more information about the program can be found at <http://bit.ly/2016YLPinfo>.

#### **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, Sierra Leone, 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](http://www.mcwglobal.org).