

# the corner

MCW's 2015-2016 Annual Report



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pressing needs by  
empowering current  
leaders and readying  
leaders of tomorrow





# OUR MISSION



**MCW** Global (Miracle Corners of the World) is a non-profit organization with a vision for communities throughout the world to achieve greater levels of education, improved health, and increased economic security. Our mission is to address communities' pressing needs by empowering current leaders and readying leaders of tomorrow.

Based in New York and founded in 1999, with partner organizations in Africa (Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia), MCW offers the following: Community Development, Oral Health Care, and Young Leaders programs. MCW also supports Partner Initiatives, including Human Rights and Pediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa (PATA).

Our core values include integrity, compassion, accountability, responsibility, and excellence.



## DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF MCW,

Over the last decade and a half, MCW's mission of empowering youth to become positive agents of change in their communities inspired our team to work towards making a difference. Building on the strategic planning process we undertook to help us continue to grow and develop, we have fine-tuned and refocused the lens through which we look at MCW's work.

Through conversations – with the team, beneficiaries, supporters, and friends – MCW's updated vision is for communities throughout the world to achieve greater levels of education, improved health, and increased economic security. We are addressing communities' pressing needs by empowering current leaders and readying leaders of tomorrow.

As MCW moves forward with implementing aspects of our strategic plan in our core programs (young leaders, community development and oral health care), we are reminded of the importance of working with our diverse partners, supporters, and dedicated team members in Africa, the United States, and around the world.

Please enjoy MCW's 12th edition of *The Corner*, which highlights our programs, projects, and achievements from 2015-2016.

As we enter our 17th year, we thank you for the continued support you provide to MCW, current and future leaders, and the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Eddie Bergman  
Co-founder & President

Khalid Elachi  
Chief Operating Officer

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## Kawthar Abuzarour

*2015 YLP Participant, Nablus, Palestine*

Kawthar's vision is that all youth from impoverished communities in her country complete their education. "My experience at the retreat was great because I learned how to be a leader, how to be passionate, open-minded, and positive. I learned of how to have universal values and how to respect and accept people from all around the world. MCW was just a remarkable experience I will remember for life," reflected Kawthar. She will be returning to the 2016 YLP to serve as a mentor to the next group of Young Leaders.

## YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

The year-long Young Leaders Program (YLP) prepares youth between the ages of 16 and 25, from around the world, to affect positive change in their communities. The program begins with an intensive one-week retreat where Young Leaders (formerly known as mentees) leave with modern leadership skills and tools, enhanced cultural competence, expanded networks, greater self-confidence, and a plan to create change. Participants are paired with mentors, who guide the Young Leaders over the year in implementing their plans in their local communities. All alumni who complete the year-long program are eligible to apply for a grant to turn their plans into concrete projects through The Alumni Ventures Fund. Funding of up to \$5,000 is paired with a year of professional mentorship.

The 2015 YLP saw a 50% increase in the number of applications and the mentees committed to a year of actively impacting their communities.

From 24  
locations

Austria, Brazil,  
Colombia, East  
Jerusalem, Egypt,  
Hungary, India,  
Israel, Jamaica,  
Kazakhstan, Kenya,  
Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan,  
Norway, Palestine,  
Puerto Rico, Rwanda,  
South Africa,  
Tanzania, Uganda,  
United Kingdom,  
USA, Vietnam,  
Zambia

50  
participants

2015's Program included 37 mentees and 13 mentors, of whom 33 were female and 17 male.

8  
vision plan topics

Mentees' action plans focused on the environment, youth development, social reform, education, gender equality, social entrepreneurship, health care, and inter-cultural dialogue.

20  
years old

The average age of participants or mentors at the retreat, with overall ages ranging from 16-29.

\$1,500  
financial aid

Average financial aid provided to mentees to cover their participation in the program.



MCW held the 2015 YLP at Stony Brook University and New York University in New York. The fifty participants included thirty-seven mentees and thirteen mentors, providing a diverse environment for vibrant cultural exchange and dialogue. The retreat included speakers and presentations by representatives from: The Milana Foundation, RW Social, IMAGINE, Opportunities Africa, Report It Girl, World Education Foundation, The Global Sunrise Project, Soundboard Consulting, Trinity Counseling Service, FoodtoEat, ONE Campaign, Indego Africa, Cultures of Resistance, and the African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET). At the conclusion of the retreat, participants networked with guests at the Open Doors Ceremony to promote their visions of change.

The 2015 YLP received support through in-kind donations from Agata & Valentina, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Dunkin' Donuts, Fairway Market, NYU School of Professional Studies, Stony Brook University, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods Market.

98%

98% of 2015 participants agreed or strongly agreed the program gave them courage to make changes in their communities.

95%

95% of 2015 participants plan to refer their friends to the Young Leaders Program.

91%

91% of 2015 participants said as a result of the program, they have a better understanding of their passion, purpose, and goals.





# YOUNG LEADERS ALUMNI



Members of the MCW Team visited several YLP alumni in Tanzania in early 2016. The group gathered at Poa Poa, a restaurant started by Felix Nyakatale, a YLP alumnus and AVF recipient.



**Timurlan Alagushov** from Kyrgyzstan started a group to empower orphans by using dance as a tool for them to build their confidence and gain new skills, since orphaned children in his country have few opportunities for extracurricular activities. He says from attending the program, "I got great experience and I learned really great skills and knowledge, which are now helping me to realize myself as a leader. MCW really affected my life."



Passionate alumni return to the program to serve as mentors, providing advice and guidance for a year to new Young Leaders. **Cody Jacobs** from New York, USA, says, "Returning as a mentor has been so rewarding, because I've been able to help my own peers actualize their vision plans and I've been able to stay in contact with them as they've continued to develop their plans. I learned how I could be the change I want to see in the world."



As diets in her country incorporate more animal products, sugar, and salt, **Tu Nguyen** from Hanoi, Vietnam wishes to educate youth and mothers about eating healthy, natural foods and how to create balanced diets. "I now have a clear goal for my future. The staff and mentorship after the retreat kept me motivated and engaged in what I was doing. I thank you very much for all the things you have done to make the retreat happen!"



"I have come to the conclusion that just because someone lives on the other side of the world, it does not mean they are different from you. We all came together and found we share similar goals, passions, and splendid personalities. The support and love I feel in this MCW family is immeasurable."

- Monica Delatorre, 2015 YLP Alumna from Utah, USA



# ALUMNI VENTURES FUND

All alumni who complete the year-long Young Leaders Program are eligible to apply for a grant and mentorship to help their projects progress through The Alumni Ventures Fund (AVF).

**Hennie Kongsøre, 23**

*Oslo, Norway*



*YLP 2014, 2015*

Hennie Kongsøre, 23, of Oslo, Norway received a grant of \$5,000 as a recipient of MCW's Alumni Ventures Fund. She will use the award to continue her work with Rafiki NGO, an organization she started in 2014 to help build a community center in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, where youth will be empowered through dance and the arts. The center will also provide classes in English, math, and health.

**\$27,587**  
Given in grants  
since 2009 to  
eight alumni  
of the Young  
Leaders Program

**Xolani Makhebe, 25**

*Cape Town, South Africa*



*YLP 2015*

Xolani Makhebe, 25, of Cape Town, South Africa, received a grant of \$2,337. He will use the award to continue his work with The Unlimited Movement Organization (TUMO), an organization he founded in 2012 to empower communities through career guidance, education and tutoring in Langa Township. With the grant, TUMO will be able to cover the cost of university registration fees for the top-performing students they tutor.

“As a development agent committed to contributing to Africa’s transformational agenda, it was a privilege to partner so closely with someone who is truly working at the grassroots.”

- Lillian Chege

Mentor to 2015 AVF Recipient, Abdu Mohamed of Tanzania







## Jackson Chomba

*Student, MC-Zambia Tailoring Course*

With a dream to start his own tailoring business in Chanyanya, Jackson enrolled in the Tailoring and Design course offered at MC-Zambia to acquire the skills needed. He likes to use his creativity to design his own clothing. After graduating the course, Jackson would like to remain in contact with the MC-Z team and staff. The Tailoring course is becoming more attractive to individuals in the Chanyanya community. Although most tailoring students are female, Jackson values the importance of learning a trade so that he may enter the work force and improve his livelihood.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The MCW Community Development Program develops and supports local partner organizations in Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia, where they operate centers located in underdeveloped areas. Local Boards and Country Directors tailor programs with support from MCW according to the needs of the communities.

MCW empowers local organizations to become community leaders by offering: sustaining grants, operational support, scholarships, continuing professional development, and access to an international network.



154  
graduates

Number of students graduated from MC-Rwanda, MC-Tanzania, and MC-Zambia's government-accredited courses in Computer Technology and Tailoring and Design from June 2015-May 2016.

12  
scholarships

Since 2011, MCW has awarded 12 scholarships to 11 individuals through the George Sideris Memorial Scholarship and Mary Ellen Shultz Tourism Scholarship.

656  
students

The four MCW centers across Africa saw a total combined 656 students during the past year: 102 at MC-Rwanda, 165 at MC-T, Arusha, 70 at MC-T Songea, and 319 at MC-Zambia.

64%  
female

Percentage of female students at MCW's four community centers participating in all courses during June 2015-May 2016.



# Rwanda

## Kayenzi

After receiving government-accreditation for its two vocational training programs in tailoring and computer technology, MC-Rwanda had its first graduation ceremony in March 2016; thirteen students completed the tailoring program and seven students completed the computer course. Other programs offered at the center in Rwanda include basket-weaving, jewelry making, embroidery, and knitting, as well as traditional and modern dance groups. MC-R finalized plans for a wedding and garden center project, which is expected to generate sustaining revenue to support the center.



# Tanzania

## Arusha and Songea

MC-Tanzania offers government-accredited computer technology classes in addition to Village Community Bank groups, English classes, business and entrepreneurship courses, and life skills training. A total of 235 students took classes at its two centers in Arusha and Songea between June 2015 and April 2016. The Village Community Bank groups were established in June 2015, in which members can buy shares, contribute funds, and obtain microcredit. Social programs including a library, dance group, youth group, and sports club are offered at the centers.



# Zambia

## Chanyanya

MC-Zambia continues to offer courses in Computer Studies and Design, Cutting & Tailoring, both of which are government-accredited. Twenty-one students successfully passed certification tests and graduated in MC-Z's first graduation ceremony in February 2016. The center also offers literacy classes to children to prepare them for state primary schools; adults have the opportunity to access this service as well. As a result of MC-Z's literacy class, seven children are now attending government primary school. The MC-Z tailoring students sewed their uniforms and their start-up school fees were covered by the center. Other opportunities, such as youth groups and a handicrafts course are open to the community.





# 259

In just one year, 162 girls and 97 boys have benefited from MC-Zambia's first year of literacy classes, ranging in age from 7-15; 10 adults also attended.



# 168

Participants in MC-Tanzania's Village Community Banks in Arusha and Songea. 64% are women.

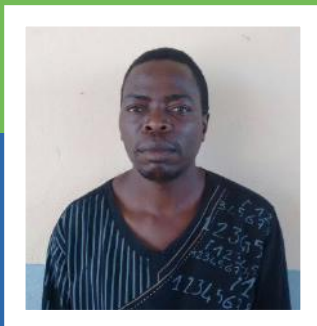
# 22

Average Age of Students at MC-Rwanda taking Tailoring or Computer Technology.



# George Sideris Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in 2011 to honor the memory of the late Dr. George Sideris, a Founding Mentor of MCW and a biologist teaching at New York University and Long Island University, in New York, this fund commemorates his commitment to MCW and the communities it serves, his passion for teaching and educational travel, and his conviction that the gift of education should be available to all. The fund provides leaders involved with MCW for at least two years with scholarships and stipends to attend certificate or full degree programs.

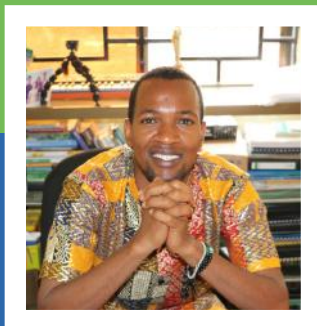


**LLOYD NDOPU**

**MC-Zambia**

**Handicrafts Instructor**

Lloyd oversees MC-Zambia's handicrafts and carves the wood items that are sold by MCW to generate income for the center. Lloyd is working towards earning a Diploma in Arts to enhance his woodcarving and artistic skills. "I hope to improve my life [by becoming] an art teacher."

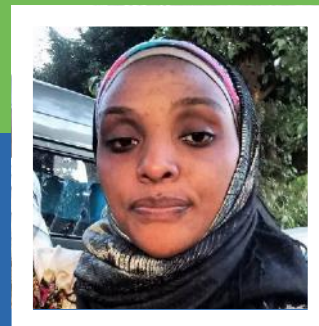


**ABDU MOHAMED**

**MC-Tanzania**

**Country Director**

Abdu received his BA in Business in 2015 with the support of a Sideris scholarship and is currently pursuing an MBA. "I'd like to thank MCW very much for supporting me since day one. I've seen MCW as part of my life, as part of my growth, as a leader for my country."



**HAPPY LAURENCE**

**MC-Tanzania, Arusha**

**Center Coordinator**

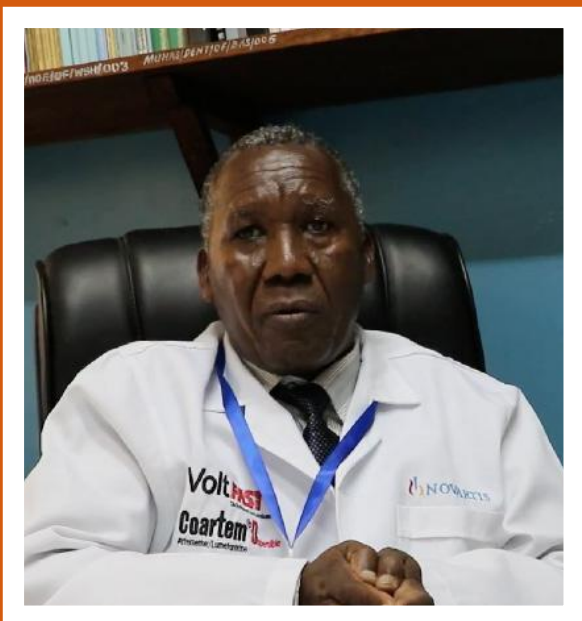
Happy will be taking secretarial courses, which will enhance her skills in her work as the center coordinator at MC-T, Arusha. "I'm very excited to get the George Sideris Scholarship. I promise I will learn hard in order to help my community here in Arusha."

## Mary Ellen Shultz Tourism Scholarship

The Mary Ellen Schultz Tourism Scholarship is a fund to honor the memory of the late Mary Ellen Shultz, a travel journalist who believed in the power and importance of tourism. This fund commemorates her commitment to tourism education, specifically in Tanzania. The first recipient of the award, **Brian Cosmas** of Arusha, Tanzania, is earning a Certificate in Tour Guiding and Wildlife Studies at the Tropical Centre Institute. Brian was a student at the MC-Tanzania, Arusha center.







## Dr. Elisa Simon

*Dean, School of Dentistry  
Mubimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences  
(MUHAS), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*

"There has been a tremendous improvement in training, which has been influenced by the collaboration and donations by MCW. There has been a significant increase in enrollment and we have been able to attract dental students from outside the country; currently we have students from six countries. Our current second-years are the biggest class we have ever admitted. After the donation of equipment and upgrading the clinics, more students have been attracted to the dentistry course."

# ORAL HEALTH CARE

MCW's Oral Health Care Program aspires to achieve improved oral health status for all Tanzanians. MCW strives to build the capacity of health professionals to alleviate the oral health workforce shortage. This is done through working with Dentists, Dental Therapists, and Nurses using a cross-disciplinary approach.

In collaboration with multi-level leadership in government and dental institutions in Tanzania, MCW identifies key projects that will have a sustainable impact in the country, and which are in line with the Strategic Oral Health Plan of the Tanzanian Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.



29  
students

The number of Dental Therapy students trained in setting up and carrying out primary school-based dental outreaches - 12 students in August 2015 and 17 in April 2016.

\$147,000+  
donated

Total value of in-kind donations to support Oral Health Care programs between June 2015 and June 2016.

1,731  
screened

The number of children screened during two dental outreach training programs in Mbeya, Tanzania in August 2015 and April 2016. 470 of those screened also received free follow-up services.

100%+  
increase

Enrollment at MUHAS School of Dentistry has doubled since MCW projects began at the school.

## New Faculty and Graduate Clinic at MUHAS

The current and fourth phase of MCW's decade-long sustainability initiative at Tanzania's only dental school is to establish a Faculty and Graduate Clinic in collaboration with MUHAS. The goal is to enhance the capacity of the School of Dentistry to train graduate students, provide a state-of-the-art venue for faculty practice, thus contributing significantly to the school's sustainability. At the time of print, a forty-foot container of donated equipment and supplies, primarily from DCI, Henry Schein, Inc, and Midmark, is being prepared for shipment to Tanzania by Everlast Logistics. Pictured here is one of the newly renovated dental operatories in the Faculty and Graduate Clinic, awaiting arrival of donated equipment.



## Dental Outreach Training Program

Dental therapists are the primary oral health professionals responsible for carrying out preventive oral health services in Tanzania. MCW training outreaches at the public Dental Therapy Training School in Mbeya, Tanzania provided dental therapy students an opportunity to receive practical hands-on training to supplement theoretical learning of preventive service provision in the classroom.

Over two outreaches during the past year, students visited three primary schools in Mbeya to provide oral health education, fluoride varnish, and screening to children in the community. The outreaches were supported by in-kind contributions from Henry Schein Cares and Colgate-Palmolive.



## MUHAS Scholarships

Each year, MCW awards merit-based scholarships to two fourth-year dental students at the School of Dentistry at MUHAS. The scholarships are awarded to the top-performing male and female students in clinical dentistry as the recipients enter their final year of study. This year's recipients were Don Chiwaya of Malawi and Fatema Alimohamed of Kenya.

Don and Fatema exemplify the ability of MUHAS to attract top-performing international students.





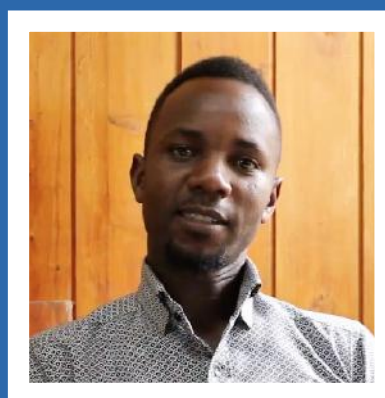


## UIC-MUHAS Exchange

Five final year dental students from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) participated in community-based rotations at MUHAS School of Dentistry. The exchange was a result of an MCW-facilitated partnership and Memorandum of Understanding for student and faculty exchange between the schools. The students were able to see first-hand, complex oral surgery cases seldom seen in developed countries. MCW provided partial scholarships to the students.

## World Oral Health Day

In celebration of World Oral Health Day in March 2016, MCW organized three days of activities to spread awareness of oral health in Tanzania. In collaboration with Colgate-Palmolive, the Tanzania Dental Association, and the Mbeya Dental Therapy Training School, MCW provided free screenings and education to students in Mbeya.



### Joseph Charles

*MCW April 2016 Dental Outreach Participant*

"I graduated from dental therapy school here in Mbeya, and I was one of the participants in dental outreach. It was a really nice experience to expose myself to. I'd never been on an outreach before. I learned a lot about handling a child's behavior; we were struggling with that part of pediatrics and so the program exposed me to the best way of handling kids... It was really nice to be part of it."

# 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. We build global partnerships dedicated to leveraging and combining resources to achieve a positive social impact.



## PATA

pediatric aids treatment for africa

MCW supports the participation of pediatric specialists from Songea, Tanzania to attend the annual Pediatric Treatment for AIDS for Africa (PATA) Forum in Africa, where participants discuss challenges in delivering HIV treatment in rural regions and possible solutions. The PATA 2015 Continental Summit took place in Nairobi, Kenya from December 6-9.

## MCW in New York

### Pop-Up Shops

*Raising Funds and Spreading Awareness*

In December 2015, MCW held its first "Pop-Up" Shop, hosted by Hill and Bay Restaurant in New York City, during which handicrafts made in the community centers in Rwanda and Zambia were sold. 100% of the profits from the sales went back to support the communities where the products were made. The event also provided an opportunity for guests to connect with the MCW team, friends, and YLP alumni as they learned about our programs and mission. The first pop-up raised over \$500 for the community centers. Based on the initial success, MCW plans to host future Pop-Ups in New York City.





# MCW Community

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## MCW Friends and Supporters



## 2015 MCW Awards

Bank of America  
2015 MCW Community Partnership Award

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka  
United Nations Under-Secretary-General  
and Executive Director of UN Women  
2015 MCW Leadership Award

Mama Sarah Obama Foundation  
2015 MCW Leadership Award





In June 2015, MCW celebrated its 16th year of impact at its 11th Annual Gala at New York University's Kimmel Center for University Life. The organization honored prominent individuals and organizations that share its mission and sustain its programs through their personal leadership and generous philanthropic support. The event raised \$920,000, which directly supports MCW's programs in the United States and Africa.





# MCW Financials

## MCW Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2015

(Prepared for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015)

### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions	
Restricted	\$74,731
Unrestricted	\$962,332
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>\$1,037,063</b>

### EXPENSES

Program services:	
Community Development Program	\$403,110
Young Leaders Program	\$248,711
Partner Initiatives	\$25,412
Oral Health Care	\$138,086
Support services:	
Management and general	\$41,959
Fundraising	\$86,227
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$943,505</b>

<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$93,558</b>
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### NON-OPERATING REVENUE

Investment income	\$8,823
Unrealized loss on investments	(\$21,555)
<b>Total non-operating revenue</b>	<b>(\$12,732)</b>

<b>Change in unrestricted net position</b>	<b>\$80,826</b>
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Unrestricted net position at beginning of year	\$1,280,300
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Unrestricted net position at end of year	\$1,361,126
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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, 2015 recorded in the financial statements were \$50,667. Included in this amount are: \$1,000 for the Young Leaders Program; \$47,667 for Oral Health Care Programs; and \$2,000 in printing services. 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.



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