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MCW Raises More Than \$1 Million to Support Emerging Youth Leaders Around the World

Organization's 13th Annual Gala Celebration Honors Anthony Dalessio, KPMG LLP and Dr. Emil Kikwilu, Professor and Former Dean, MUHAS Dental School, Tanzania



From top left to right: Stanley Bergman (Chairman & CEO, Henry Schein, Inc.); Dr. Marion Bergman (Director, Health Care Projects, MCW); Mayor David Dinkins (106th Mayor of New York City); Liz Claman (Anchor, FOX Business Network); Edward Bergman (MCW Co-Founder & President of the Board of Directors, MCW); Ali Velshi (Anchor & Business Correspondent, NBC News) | Anthony Dalessio (Long Island Managing Partner, KPMG LLP); Mark Kemper (Member, MCW Board of Directors); Humera Qazi (Managing Director, Risk Management Advisory, KPMG LLP and Member, MCW Board of Directors); Mayor David Dinkins (106th Mayor of New York City); Edward Bergman (MCW Co-Founder & President of the Board of Directors, MCW); Dr. Charles L. Robbins (Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate College, Stony Brook University and Member, MCW Board of Director); Dr. Emil Kikwilu (Professor and Former Dean, MUHAS Dental School, Tanzania) | Anthony Dalessio (Long Island Managing Partner, KPMG LLP); Mayor David Dinkins (106th Mayor of New York City); and Dr. Emil Kikwilu (Professor and Former Dean, MUHAS Dental School, Tanzania)

NEW YORK, N.Y., July 6, 2017 — MCW (Miracle Corners of the World), a New York-based non-profit organization dedicated to empowering youth to become positive agents of change in their communities, celebrated its 13th annual gala June 22 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.

With more than 400 guests in attendance, the event raised more than \$1 million—a new milestone—to support MCW's Young Leaders, Community Development, and Oral Health Care programs in the United States, Africa, and around the world.

“We thank the attendees at this year's gala celebration who demonstrated their generosity and their support for MCW, its programs, and the young people who have made such meaningful impacts in communities

throughout the world,” said Eddie Bergman, Co-founder and President of the Board of Directors of MCW. Commenting on MCW’s young leaders, Bergman added “their intelligence, compassion, and strength never fails to inspire, and we at MCW will continue our work to help these young leaders achieve their vision.”

Bergman also took time to acknowledge the presence of Mayor David Dinkins, the 106th Mayor of New York City and an Honorary Chair at this year’s gala.

Liz Claman, anchor at FOX Business Network, welcomed guests, and Ali Velshi, anchor and business correspondent at NBC News, served as the event’s Master of Ceremonies. The night included updates on MCW’s programs, as well as a silent auction and a special musical performance by Freddie Kimmel and Kate Loprest.

The following honorees were presented with awards during the event:

The **MCW Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to Dr. Emil Kikwilu, Professor and Former Dean, MUHAS Dental School, Tanzania. Dr. Kikwilu was critical in the establishment of the MCW-MUHAS infrastructure upgrade in 2009. His commitment to MCW’s mission through his support during the installation of dental operatories and chairs, X-ray machines, sterilizers, compressors, dental instruments, new cabinetry and sterilization centers was critical in the success of the dental school upgrade.

“Our dental school was the only dental school in Tanzania and we had equipment that had not been renewed in many years...to the point where the training almost crumbled,” Dr. Kikwilu said. “Luckily enough, Miracle Corners came to the rescue. They managed through the mobilization of donors and development partners to refurbish the school and it is now beautiful like any other school in the world.”

Dr. Kikwilu’s award was presented by Dr. Marion Bergman, Director, Health Care Projects, MCW; John Spencer, President of DCI International; and Dr. Anne Eiting Klamar, President and CEO of Midmark Corporation.

The **MCW Community Partnership Award** was presented to Anthony Dalessio, Long Island Managing Partner, KPMG LLP. “One of KPMG’s core values is giving back to the communities in which we live and work. Helping youth make a difference by enabling change in their communities around the world is a great way to pay it forward. It aligns perfectly with KPMG’s values and makes the world a better place for all,” said Dalessio.

KPMG is one of the world’s leading professional services firms and provides innovative business solutions and audits, tax, and advisory services to many of the world’s largest and most prestigious organizations. Anthony was instrumental in MCW’s partnership with KPMG for the “KPMG Family for Literacy” program in 2011 at MCW’s community center in Chanyanya, Zambia (MC-Zambia). 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.

The award was presented by Stanley Bergman, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Henry Schein, Inc. and Steven Paladino, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Henry Schein Inc. The company has been a strong supporter of MCW since its inception through Henry Schein Cares, the company’s global corporate social responsibility program.

Mayor Dinkins concluded the night by saying “People who do good things should be applauded and acknowledged... the main reason is so that others can try to emulate that which has been done.”

Photos from the event can be viewed on [Facebook](#).

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, 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.