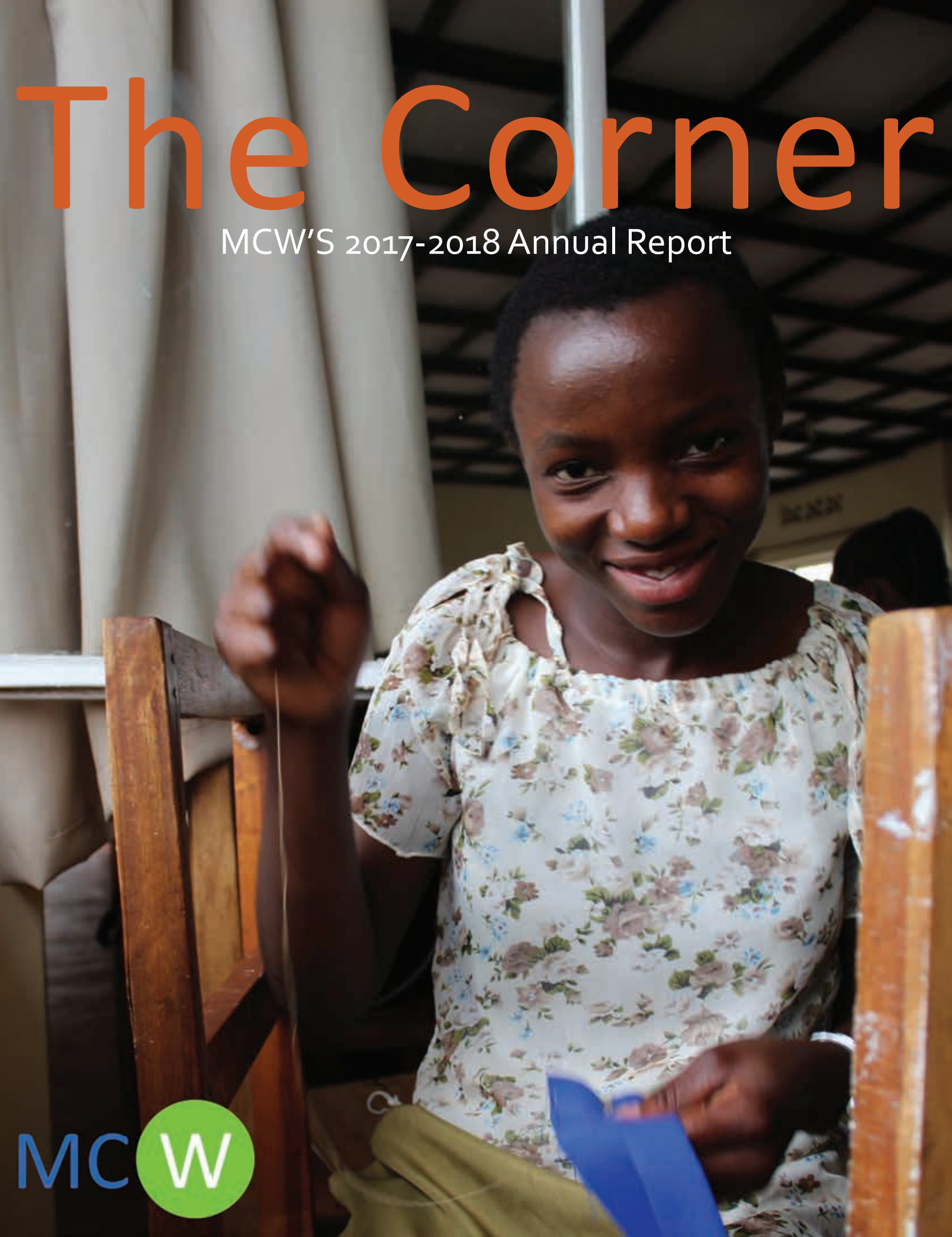


The Corner

MCW'S 2017-2018 Annual Report





Local Change
through
Global
Exchange™

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LETTER FROM CO-FOUNDER & COO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we enter our 19th year, MCW's commitment to empowering leaders and their communities throughout the world continues to be at very core of our work. As a small organization, MCW's global reach can only be accomplished by working with committed partner organizations and connecting with passionate alumni from our programs.

The annual report provides a small glimpse of MCW's impact: from Tanzanian dental therapy students learning the importance of community outreach, to community members in Zambia receiving sanitization sensitization, and college-aged youth from Egypt receiving critical soft skills related to employment.

MCW's work remains impactful thanks to our diverse partners, passionate supporters, and dedicated team members in Africa, the United States, and around the world.

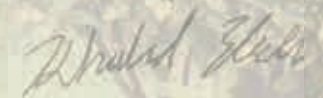
Please enjoy MCW's 14th edition of The Corner, which highlights our programs, projects, and achievements from 2017-2018.

We remain grateful for the continued support you provide to MCW, to current and future leaders from all over the world, and to communities we serve.

Sincerely,



Eddie Bergman
Co-founder & President



Khalid Elachi
Chief Operating Officer

Our Mission

MCW (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 the Young Leaders Program. 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.



YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

The Young Leaders Program prepares youth to become leaders of positive change in their communities. Young leaders participate in programs to develop a deeper understanding of social issues and change. They acquire the skills, networks, and confidence needed to affect change and to return to their communities as mobilized leaders in a globalized world.

YOUNG LEADERS ACCESS PROGRAM



What We Do...

Young Leaders Access Program

Young Leaders Conference

Young Leaders Workshop



MCW kicked off the year-long annual Young Leaders Access (YLA) Program with the 20th retreat in July. The **39 young leaders** represented 18 different countries and territories including Afghanistan, Austria, Bangladesh, Colombia, Egypt, Israel, Afghanistan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, South Africa, Sudan, the United States of America, and Zimbabwe. Each young leader is paired with mentors who are alumni of the program. In addition to providing a platform for **intercultural dialogue and understanding**, mentors guide the young leaders as they implement their plans for local change throughout the year. Youth development, human rights, education, gender equality, entrepreneurship, health care, were some of the areas participants planned to address in their **local communities**.



YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

MCW held its second Young Leaders Conference in **Cairo, Egypt**. It was open to participants ages 18-26 from across Africa. This year's conference was in partnership with Think Tank Development Solutions, a social venture, acting as a knowledge hub for social development innovations introduced by young people. The three-day conference tackled issues on the **environment** and helped participants **build critical skills needed for employment**.



MCW's Young Leaders Conference focused on cultivating and preparing youth to be leaders in their communities. The program was divided into three parts: **individual leadership development, global citizenship** (understanding different social issues, approaches to solving them, and our responsibility to act), and **vision planning**, where participants were taken through the steps of planning their own initiatives. Projects that were designed by participants took into consideration unique cultures and histories of their respective communities and how they can harness these aspects for more sustainable solutions.



ALUMNI VENTURES FUND

The Alumni Ventures Fund (AVF) provides an opportunity for participants who graduated from the Young Leaders Access Program to receive funding and professional mentorship to help them turn their ideas of implementing **social change** into **concrete plans**. In February, MCW awarded two alumni with AVF grants: Kiko from Kenya and Italo from Brazil were each awarded \$5000.



Italo is a 2015 YLA alum and is one of the leaders of TODXS. He will use the AVF grant to continue his work with TODXS Ambassadors, where he identifies, connects, and empowers young LGBTI leaders to work towards more inclusive communities in Brazil. Italo expressed, *"I am super excited about representing the MCW Young Leaders Program through the TODXS Ambassadors project. We are the first project sponsored by the grant in Latin America. As a member of this historically marginalized community, it feels amazing to be able to have access to such an incredible opportunity."*



Kiko is a 2016 YLA alum and founder of Angaza Elimu, a social enterprise that addresses inefficiencies in learning due to the inadequacy of educational materials available in Kenyan schools. Kiko will apply his grant towards improving the classroom experience by enhancing teaching and learning in primary schools through innovative use of digital technology. *"The AVF grant is a gift to the Kenyan students," says Kiko, "We will be able to reach more schools on our mission of elevating the classroom experience."*

"It has been rewarding to be part of AVF, which is helping to enable MCW Young Leaders to fulfill their visions to give back to their communities." -Sharon Kess, Co-founder, MCW Alumni Ventures Fund

ROBERTA RICHIN VISION PLAN AWARD



Laurence Balabat
Philippines
YLA 2018

For more information on his project, please check out the MCW Youtube Channel

The first Roberta Richin Vision Plan award was presented by Laurette Richin, the late Roberta's sister, to Laurence Balatbat from the Philippines for his vision plan to open a library in his local community. The Roberta Richin Vision Plan award was created in honor of the late Roberta Richin, a recipient of MCW's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016, the Board Emeritus of MCW's Board of Directors. Roberta devoted her life to advancing equity, building capacity, and increasing opportunity so every young person learns well, stays safe, graduates, and participates in a rewarding civic and private life.

YLA ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Noor is currently serving as the project coordinator for Engaging Youth for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with Oxfam in Pakistan. She also works as part of Right Here Right Now Pakistan – a network of 11 Pakistani organizations striving for the sexual and reproductive health of young people within the country.

The Problem

In Pakistan, youth spaces are shrinking and there is a lack of appropriate platforms for youth (110 million people are under the age of 30) to express themselves and realize their potential in economic, social, and civic spheres. A weak local government and absence of student representative bodies has resulted in limited opportunities for youth engagement on a communal and national scale. This situation has led to mass frustration and a sense of hopelessness.



"Pakistan has a long way before these goals can take effect, but the necessity of creating leadership structures, dialogue, and action plans for achieving these goals are paramount."

Outcomes

- At least 3000 students are made of aware of SDGS
- A dedicated media campaign to engage youth
- SDGs projects are tested and evaluated for recommendations and guidelines for large scale interventions
- Government and higher education universities are creating a partnership



The response is a framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a collection of 17 goals created by the UN to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all under a sustainable agenda. Noor's proposed project seeks to involve youth from 12 high education institutions in Pakistan. It constitutes a nationwide media campaign and seminar series in universities regarding fostering a greater understanding of SDGs relevance and context in Pakistan. The SDGs provide framework for bridging social gaps in a nation with deep rooted inequality among gender and social classes. By including the youth these conversations, Noor is developing the nation's future leadership.



YLP ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS



“ I had my doubts about the way I wanted to develop the project, now I think this is the biggest impact the program had on me. I am not afraid of starting, I'm excited about it. ”

David Felipe, Columbia,
YLA 2017 Alum

“ This program taught me so much more than skills to succeed as a leader. I realized that I am a global citizen, not only do I have an innate drive to change the world but the power to as well. ”

Camille Clayton, U.S.A.,
YLA 2017 Alum



“ These 3 days were more useful than the months I spent in college. I learned about business and leadership. I learned so many things you can't imagine. I was able to come up with a vision plan and strategies for action. The YLA conference exceeded my expectations. ”

Victorie Ingabire, Rwanda,
YLC 2018 Alum

“ I never thought I could make a strategic plan, study my stakeholders and learn about obstacles for my small idea. This is my first time at a foreign conference and it was a pleasure and an honor to be a part of the conference. This has been an amazing experience. ”

Mohab Mustafa, Egypt,
YLC 2018 Alum





KYRGYZSTAN



TUNISIA



INDONESIA

CELEBRATING 20 RETREATS WITH YOUNG LEADERS ALL OVER THE WORLD



NEPAL



NEW YORK



Young Leaders Access Program

81%

Increase in courage to make significant changes in their community.

92%

Increase in understanding of vision and mission statements.

Young Leaders Conference

69%

Increase in understanding of their passion, purpose, and goals.

96%

Increase in confidence in articulating the idea of their project.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The MCW Community Development Program supports community centers as spaces for skill development, entrepreneurship, and social services for youth living in underserved communities. MCW currently has 4 centers: Rwanda (1), Tanzania (2), and Zambia (1).

MCW partners with local organizations to offer: sustainable grants, operational support, scholarships, professional development, and access to an international network.



MCR PROVIDES IT TRAINING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Miracle Corners Rwanda (MCR) will now be able to better assist individuals with disabilities. Thanks to a partnership with the District of Bugesera and Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA), handicapped individuals will now have access to computer desktops, printers, scanners, Duxbury braille translators, and victor readers, along with braille paper, slates, and a stapler. MCR are offering training to teachers to enable them to support students relying on these new IT equipment in completing exams and other services. Internet access is also be available. This equipment will assist in job access for Individuals, increasing autonomy regardless of handicaps.

In order to support this project, MCR committed to upgrade the center's space to ensure handicap accessibility—making it one of the few accredited centers in Rwanda. This partnership will go a long way to better the lives of those with a disability.

What We Do

Skill Development

Entrepreneurship

Social Services



fbx MCZ COMMUNITY TOURNAMENT



Miracle Corners Zambia (MCZ) hosted an open youth netball and football tournaments for both girls and boys. Local community center members were involved in planning the tournament and created the theme: Miracle Corners Christmas Charity Shield Tournament.

The tournament brought together a variety of teams from the Chanyanya area to gather and compete in this large community event along with preventing youth from getting involved in unlawful conduct during the festive season. MCZ continues to work to preserve peace and harmony, by controlling anxiety and misbehavior among the younger community.



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KAFUE CHILD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Miracle Corners Zambia (MCZ) will now be offering **critical entrepreneurship training** for student in the IT (Information Technology) and DCT (Design, Cutting, and Tailoring) classes. This life skill training will be free and assist graduates in employment after they receive their certificates. This partnership with Barclays Bank and Kafue Child Development Agency offers a new level of **economic emancipation** and improves social education for students.



GEORGE SIDERIS SCHOLARSHIP

MCW's 2014 George Sideris Scholarship recipient, Mary Nsunga successfully graduated with a diploma in Human Resource Management from the National Institute of Public Administration in Zambia. Mary joined MC-Zambia in 2010 as our Youth Coordinator and is currently serving as the Interim Center Coordinator. This year's recipients also include Lloyd Ndop and Joseph Musipili. The George Sideris Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of the late Dr. George Sideris, 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.



DEBATE COMPETITION

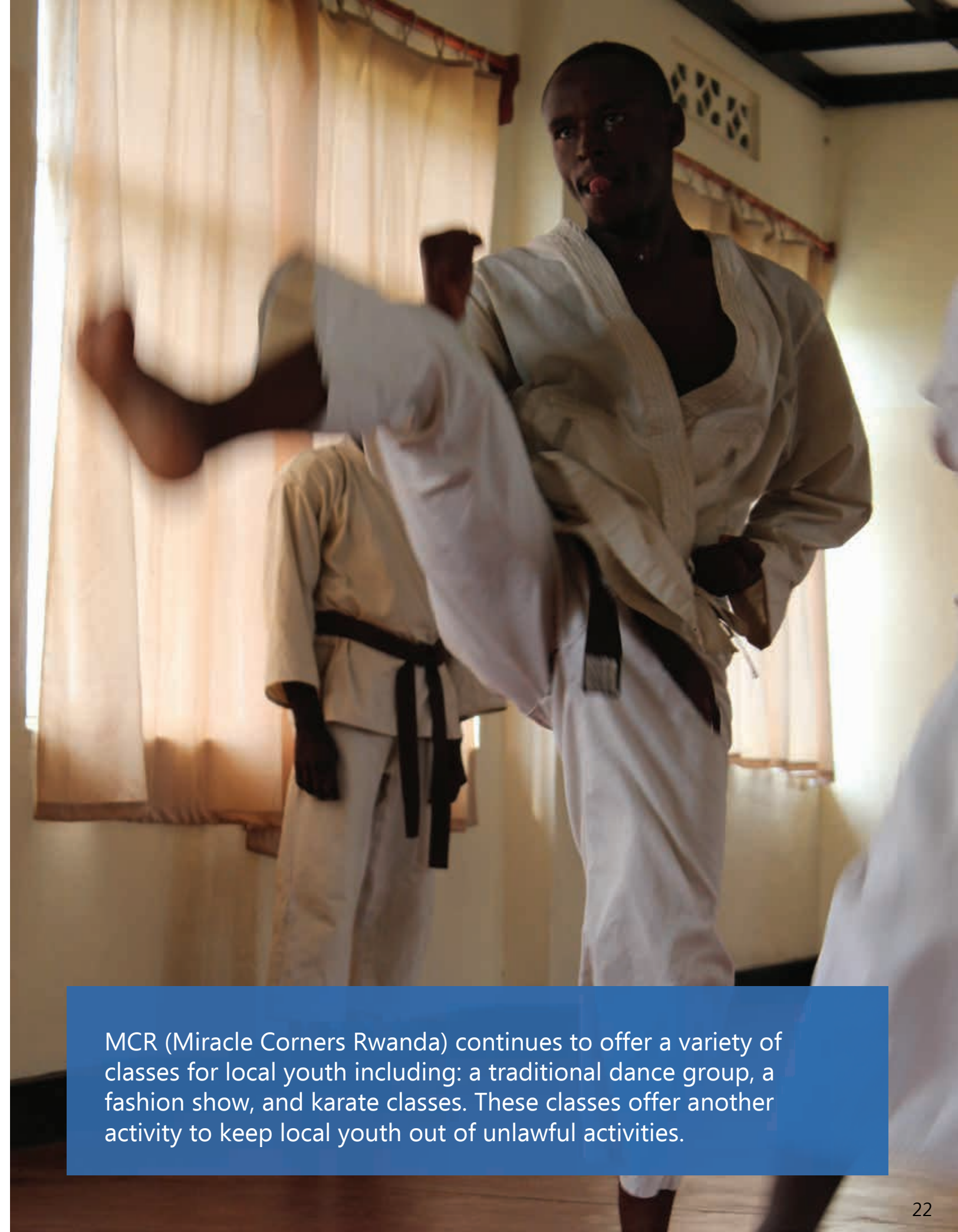
Miracle Corners Zambia (MCZ)'s Literacy Program hosted a debate competition between two local primary schools—Chanyana Primary School and St. Anna Community School. Participants were trained in debate and then given the topic: **the importance of literacy in community development**. Students were judged by the MCZ staff and received dictionaries and backpacks for their efforts. MCZ will continue to have students partake in conversations imperative to their own growth and continue partnerships with local schools.



YOUTH SANITATION SENSITIZATION



During a cholera outbreak which closed schools and public institutions, MCZ Youth group received training from the local clinic on critical sanitation measures to prevent cholera. They became advocates of sanitization in Chanyanya, cleaning public spaces and educating community members.



MCR (Miracle Corners Rwanda) continues to offer a variety of classes for local youth including: a traditional dance group, a fashion show, and karate classes. These classes offer another activity to keep local youth out of unlawful activities.

Our Impact - CDP

84%

students

9475

students

613

students





ORAL HEALTH CARE

MCW's Oral Health Care program aims to achieve improved oral health status for all Tanzanians. Using an inter-disciplinary approach, MCW strives to build the capacity of health professionals to tackle the oral health workforce shortage. We work with dentists, nurses, and mid-level professionals (Dental Therapists).

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, which are in line with the Strategic Oral Health plan of the Tanzanian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.



What We Do

Dental Training & Outreach

World Oral Health Day

Alumni Community

Dental Club



Dental Training & Outreach

The Dental Outreach Training Program is working with leadership in the dental therapy training schools to develop and strengthen a community dental outreach program. This is in alignment with their community dentistry curriculum and objectives in training dental therapy students. In 2017, the Outreach Training Program expanded to Tanga, the second dental therapy training school in Tanzania.

Infection prevention and control in resource-constrained settings	Community leadership skills	Behavior management in pediatric care
Ethics and professionalism in dentistry	How to prepare and conduct dental outreach	Atraumatic Restorative Treatment

World Oral Health Day

In collaboration with **Colgate's "Bright Future, Bright Smile"** campaign, MCW held an Oral Health Education forum in Tanga and the Muheza District in Tanzania.

Primary school teachers received free dental cleaning and learned about healthy dental habits.

Approximately **200 primary school teachers** were screened and equipped with **free dental materials** to share with their students.



Dental Club

Our OHC team in Tanzania visited **6 primary schools** to start a dental clubs which will serves as hubs to foster oral health education among primary students. The students that were visited in the first round were the same students from the dental outreach program three years ago. They still remember everything they learned about dental hygiene. This is a new initiative to continue the mission of improved oral health care.



MCW Oral Health Scholarship

MCW awarded scholarships to the **top male and female fourth year dental students** for their **excellent performance** at the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences School of Dentistry in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This year the award went to Magori Patrice and Evaristi Wilson. The scholarships are awarded **annually** and contributes to the recipients' fifth and final year tuition of dental school.



Magori Patrice,
Female Scholarship
Recipient

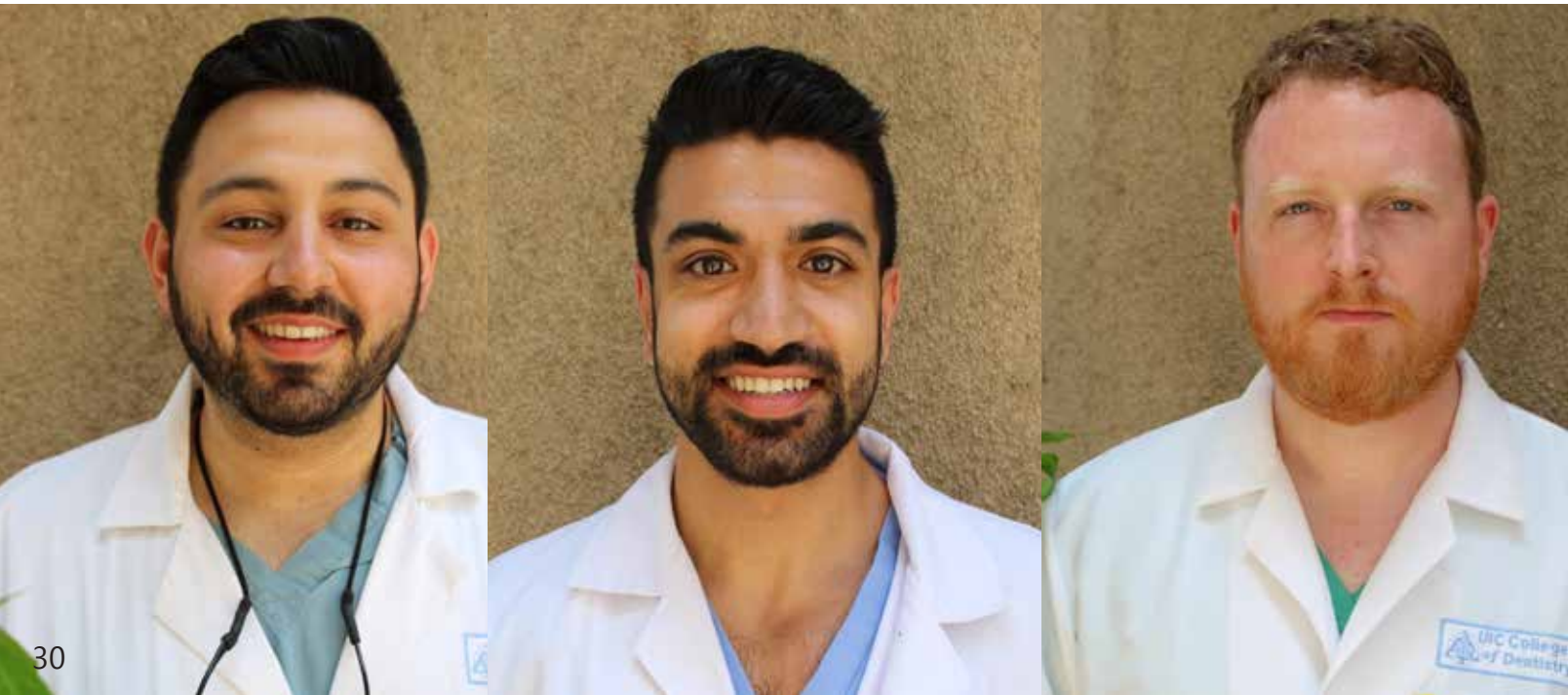
UIC - MUHAS STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGE



MCW continued its partnership with the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC) to facilitate an exchange program where final year students travel to Tanzania to part take in community based rotations. This year we had four dental students come from UIC to MUHAS School of Dentistry to experience first hand complex oral surgery and community outreach training. Through this experience they gained understanding of the challenges of community based dental care in Tanzania and the importance of making oral health care a priority in the region.

"In Tanzania, they have a mid-level provider which is called a dental therapist. These therapists are allowed to perform some extractions, fillings, and cleanings. " Tyler Ramir. **Although this is uncommon in America, it is something that can be helpful in a country like Tanzania.** With the assistance of the dental therapists, the dentists (maybe one for a large population area) can see a larger number of patients per day and focus on some of the tougher procedures."

"The extramural rotation in Tanzania was definitely an experience that I will treasure forever and will always have a special place in my heart. Unfortunately, oral care was not seen as a need amongst the general people of Tanzania and was rather seen as a luxury. As a result, patients would not seek out treatment until they had no other choice. However, this lack of education has started to change through outreach programs in schools teaching students, at an early age, about good oral hygiene regimens."
-Mohammed Moein Z. Azim



DENTAL SCHOOL ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

**Nuru Alex Fwoma, Singida
OHC 2015 Mbeya region.**

MCW equipped me with the training I need to be an advocate of oral health and dental hygiene education in my community. By partaking in the dental outreach, I contribute more to my community in infection prevention and control (IPC) initiatives. I now have confidence to offer give oral health education to anyone. The impacts of oral health education are evident in the Tabora region. Many of the people from Tabora who received education, attend the dental clinic in Singida for checkups. They get advice about their oral health, along with coming early for fillings before the tooth needs to be removed.



“

MCW helped me to be active in giving oral health education to everyone I meet or anyone who needs oral education.

”



I want to see a community where all of my people are educated on oral health. I wish that all of my community, especially those from rural areas, will have access to oral health education: to keep their teeth clean, free from cavity and gingivitis, and periodontitis.

DENTAL TRAINING OF MUHAS DENTAL SCHOOL TECHNICIANS

Using an inter-disciplinary approach, MCW provided opportunities for Tanzanian Dental technicians to receive advanced training overseas to better equip them on maintaining and utilization modern dental equipment .



To ensure that the dental laboratory at Muhimbili is successful and self-sustaining, two laboratory technologists, partook in a six-week, in-depth training program in partnership with the Oral Arts Dental Laboratories in Huntsville, Alabama. In order to maintain the dental equipments at the Dental School at Muhimbili for the foreseeable future, it is important for the laboratory technologists to update their skills.

Two dental technicians, Haruna Matwil and Roshidi Mohamedi Chitale, were invited by Alliage, a medical and dental research firm in Brazil. The purpose of this visit was to attend an 11 day training that provided them with the necessary and critical skills for using dental equipment. With this training, they are now well equipped to utilize all the x-ray and other dental equipment at the MUHAS Dental Therapy School.



DIRECTOR OF OHC PRESENTS AT GLOBAL CHILD DENTAL FUND CONFERENCE



Dr. Marion Bergman, MCW's Director of Oral Health Care Projects, presented at this year's Global Child Dental Fund's (GCD) Senior Dental Leaders in London. GCD Fund's flagship leadership program develops the strategic leadership skills of the world's senior dental professionals.

She spoke on the topic of "Sustainable Models for Improving Oral Health in Tanzania - Based on Public-Private Engagement." She was supported by MCW's Director of Africa Programs, Regina Lechner who provided additional insight based on in-field experience from our oral health projects in Tanzania.

The presentation was offered to a room full of dental professionals from all over the globe. By offering our leadership experience in dental health care, we contributed towards improvements in oral health world wide.



Our Impact - OHC

Dental
Outreach

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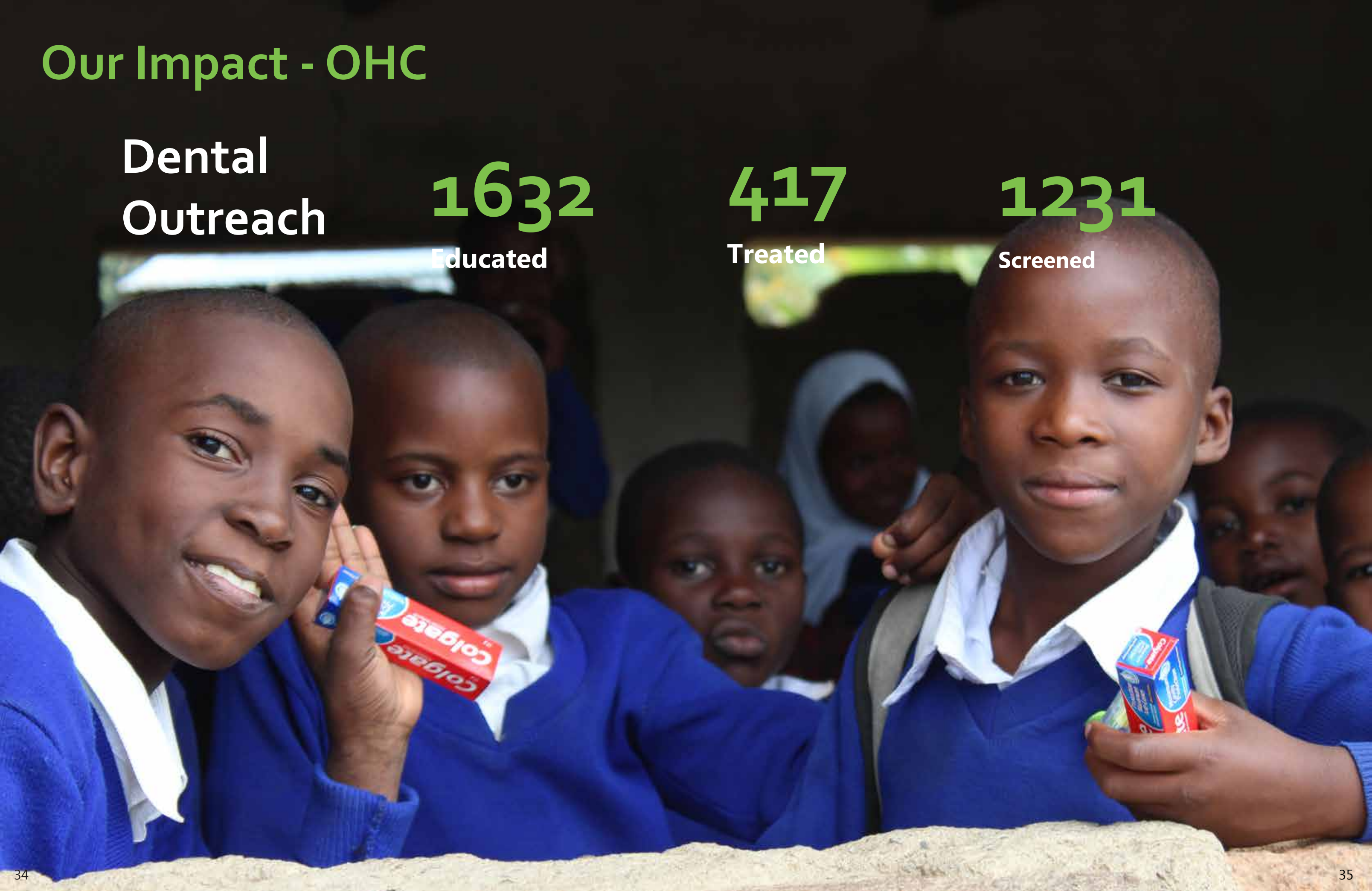
Educated

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Special thanks to our 2017 interns Noor Qazi, Elaf Saeed, and Krista Burton.

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The MCW Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Emil Kikwilu, Professor and Former Dean of MUHAS Dental School in Tanzania.

The MCW Community Partnership Award was presented to Anthony Dalessio, Long Island Managing Partner, KPMG LLP.

On June 22nd 2017, MCW celebrated its 13th annual gala at New York University's Kimmel Center for University Life. More than 400 guests attended the event which raised over \$1 million to support MCW's youth leadership, community, and oral health care efforts in the United States and Africa.



MCW Financials

MCW Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2017
(Prepared for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017)

SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions		
Restricted	XXXXXXX	
Unrestricted	XXXXXXX	
Total operating revenue	XXXXXXX	
EXPENSES		
Program services:		
Community Development Program	XXXXXXX	
Young Leaders Program	XXXXXXX	
Partner Initiatives	-	
Oral Health Care	XXXXXXX	
Support services:		
Management and general	XXXXX	
Fundraising	XXXXXXX	
Total expenses	XXXXXXX	
OPERATING INCOME	XXXXXXX	
NON-OPERATING REVENUE		
Investment income	XXXXX	
Unrealized gain on investments	XXXXX	
Total non-operating revenue	XXXXX	
Change in unrestricted net position	XXXXXX	
Unrestricted net position at beginning of year	XXXXXXX	
Unrestricted net position at end of year	XXXXXXX	

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, 2016 recorded in the financial statements were \$85,514.89. Included in this amount are: \$12,169.40 for the Young Leaders Program; \$79,645.49 for Oral Health Care Programs; \$1,700 for the annual gala 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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