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### **MIRACLE CORNERS OF THE WORLD TO OPEN NASDAQ, CELEBRATING A DECADE OF DELIVERING ON A PROMISE**

#### **MCW Gala Honorees include NBA Global Ambassador Dikembe Mutombo and NYU President Emeritus Dr. John Brademas**

**NEW YORK, NY., April 9, 2010** - Miracle Corners of the World (MCW), a non-profit that empowers youth to be positive agents of change in their communities, today announced that MCW board members, fellows and staff will open the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. A live webcast of the event will be available on the NASDAQ Webcam at: [http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite\\_about.stm](http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_about.stm).

That evening MCW will host its sixth annual gala dinner at New York University, beginning with a reception and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner and program. The gala brings nearly 400 individuals from public and private sector organizations together to celebrate the work and impact of MCW's programs in the United States and across Africa. All proceeds raised at the dinner will support MCW's youth empowerment and community development work.

"We are delighted to use this occasion to announce the opening of MCW's new community center in Rwanda and the beginning of construction of another center in Zambia," said Edward Bergman, MCW Co-founder and Executive Director. "This is possible only with the steadfast commitment of our friends and supporters from the public and private sectors, many of whom will join us at our annual gala celebration."

At the 2010 gala, NYU President, Dr. John Sexton, will present the MCW Lifetime Achievement award to Dr. John Brademas, NYU President Emeritus, former politician, and longtime MCW supporter. Dikembe Mutombo, Chair and President of the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation and retired player for the Houston Rockets, will receive MCW's Leadership Award.

"These awards are given to individuals who inspire us in our work and embody our mission and values," said Bergman. "We are also pleased to honor a number of remarkable young people at this year's gala who have volunteered at some of MCW's community centers in the countries where we work in Africa."

Ali Velshi, CNN's chief business correspondent and host of *Your \$\$\$\$\$*, will emcee the event once again. Velshi was honored at MCW's 2009 gala.

Amma Agyapon, an MCW Youth Leadership Retreat Alumna, whose musical and theatrical credits include the film *August Rush*, will provide the evening's musical entertainment.

#### **About Miracle Corners of the World (MCW)**

Miracle Corners of the World (MCW) is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 with the mission to empower youth to become leaders of change. Based in New York, MCW serves youth through Leadership Training, Community Center, and Partner Initiative programs (Oral Healthcare, Genocide Prevention, and Container initiatives). For more on MCW, please visit [www.miraclecorners.org](http://www.miraclecorners.org).

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