

ABOUT JM

Jacqueline Murekatete is a human rights activist and genocide survivor, speaking out for victims and survivors of genocide around the world. Born in Rwanda in 1984, Jacqueline was not yet ten when she lost her entire immediate and most of her extended family to the 1994 Rwandan Tutsi genocide. She came to the U.S. in 1995. Having earned her bachelor's degree in political science from New York University, she is now studying law at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University.

Jacqueline has shared her voice with a broad audience by participating in several documentaries on genocide prevention and through features in *The New York Times*, *The UN Chronicle*, *The Washington Times*, *Newsday*, *The Huffington Post*, *People*, *Al Jazeera*, *NPR*, *Voice of America*, *CNN*, *PBS*, *NBC*, *ABC*, and other media outlets worldwide. She also participated in Kenneth Cole's social action "AWEARNESS" campaign and a photo layout in *Esquire's* Portrait of the 21st Century.

For her work, Jacqueline has received several awards, including the Girls Learn International Humanitarian Award, the UN International Peace Ambassadors' Outstanding Humanitarian Award, and the Moral Courage Award from the



American Jewish Committee. She was also the youngest recipient of The Ellis Island Medal of Honor from NECO in 2008.

GET INVOLVED

- ◆ Invite Jacqueline or an MCW member to speak to your community, organization, conference, school, youth group, temple, church, mosque, etc.
- ◆ Volunteer or intern with MCW
- ◆ Host a fundraising event
- ◆ Support MCW's work worldwide by donating

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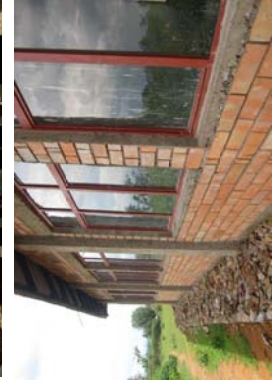
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Miracle Corners of the World (MCW) is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 to empower youth to become leaders of social change. Based in New York, MCW serves youth worldwide through Leadership Training, Community Center, and Partner Initiative programs (Oral Healthcare, Genocide Prevention, and Container initiatives).



VISION AND MISSION

Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner is motivated by Jacqueline Murekatete's vision of a world without genocide and with a peaceful and stable Rwanda. To turn this vision into reality, this MCW Partner Initiative aims to raise awareness about the crime of genocide around the world and to build a community center in Rwanda as a place for meeting, exchange and opportunity.



PROJECTS

Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner organizes genocide commemoration programs in New York, bringing together a wide range of partners to remember the Rwanda genocide, raise awareness about challenges facing survivors, and learn how to take action.



Jacqueline shares her own personal story and insights as a survivor in a wide range of forums, including high schools, universities, synagogues, churches, mosques, and conferences on genocide prevention, human rights, and youth empowerment.



MCW is building a community center in the Bugesera District in Rwanda, approximately 30 minutes outside of the capital Kigali. Modeled after MCW centers in Tanzania and Sierra Leone, this center will host various



services, including courses on English language, computers and performing arts, entrepreneurship, trauma counseling and a microfinance initiative.

Between April and June 1994, one of the worst genocides in history took place in Rwanda, a small country in Central East Africa. Over a 100-day period, the Hutu majority ethnic group embarked on a campaign to exterminate minority Tutsis and any Hutus who sympathized with them. The current Rwandan government estimates that over one million people lost their lives as a result of the genocide. Among them were Jacqueline Murekatete's parents, six siblings, and much of her extended family and friends.

Since 1994, the Rwandan government has taken great strides to rebuild the country by introducing a new constitution, investing in economic development and upgrading infrastructure development. Much progress has been made. Still, both the country and the people, estimated at 9.6 million, continue to face many challenges, particularly in the areas of social welfare, healthcare and economic and educational opportunities. It is in these areas that MCW can help to improve the lives of Rwandans today, and aid the country in its ongoing progress.

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