



**SAVE THE DATES:**

**MCW'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GALA DINNER, TUESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**JACQUELINE'S CORNER 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION, MID APRIL 2010**

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**1. LETTER FROM MCW FELLOW JACQUELINE MUREKATETE**

Since 2007, when we launched our initiative at Miracle Corners of the World, Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner has been committed to genocide prevention and improving the lives of Rwandans post-genocide. Our goals are to raise awareness about the crime of genocide through presentations in various forums as well as to build a community center in Rwanda to improve living conditions for Rwandans today. The past year has been full of success and progress for Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner in both these areas. In addition to the success of Jacqueline's Corner, I am happy to share with you that I am in my second semester of studies at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University. I am continuing my fellowship with Miracle Corners of the World in hopes that 2010 will bring as much success as the past year. Below find some of the highlights of the last year supplemented by articles from the MCW [website](#) and [blog](#). There is always a need for your contributions and support. Without your generosity, Jacqueline's Corner would not be so successful.

**2. NEWS FROM RWANDA**

***MCW Center in Rwanda Near Completion***

December to present – After breaking ground in November 2008, the MCR community center in the Bugesera District outside Kigali is nearly complete. During this period, MCW has also brought together a team of young Rwandans to lead the center's daily activities once the center opens. [Photos.](#) [Construction Video.](#)

***MCW-Rwanda Welcomes New Volunteer for Six Months***

October to present – From the very beginning, MCW has sent volunteers from the United States to Rwanda to help build the community center and MCW leadership team. Most recently, Yvonne Noël, a business development specialist, arrived in Rwanda for six months in which she will work with a board of advisers and the construction team to wrap up construction and training and to finalize the center's operational framework for the center.

### **3. NEWS ON GENOCIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION**

#### ***Jacqueline Participates in Kristallnacht Commemoration on the Upper West Side***

November 2009 - Jacqueline presented her story to students and members of the community at the Heschel Lower School along with Holocaust survivor and close friend, David Gewirtzman as the school commemorated Kristallnacht. [More](#).

#### ***Jacqueline Speaks to Midway Jewish Center***

October 2009 - On Yom Kippur, JM spoke at Midway Jewish Center and addressed more than 150 students and members of the community.

#### ***Jacqueline's Corner Travels to Ireland***

August 2009 – Jacqueline was invited to Dublin to present at the first ever Albert Schweitzer youth conference, which brought together more than 200 youths from around the world to discuss ways in which they can have a positive impact on their communities. [More](#).

#### ***Jacqueline Returns to Belgium***

May 2009 - Jacqueline traveled again to Belgium to explore possibilities for partnership with European nonprofit organizations and government agencies interested in Rwanda, human rights, and genocide prevention. JM met with leaders of the Human Rights Unit at the European parliament, presented at International Crisis Group headquarters and met with leaders of the Rwandan Diaspora.

#### ***Jacqueline's Corner Organizes Third Annual Genocide Commemoration Program***

April 2009 – Several hundred people from the tri-state area and global community gathered for a two-day commemoration event. The first, a memorial service for the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, was held at United Nations Chapel. The second was a panel discussion on survivor welfare at New York University's law school. [Read More and See Photos](#). [Media Clippings](#).

#### ***Jacqueline Presents at the UN on the 15th Anniversary of the Rwanda Genocide***

April 2009 – Jacqueline was invited by the Rwandan Mission to the U.N to share her voice as a survivor as the U.N. commemorated the 15th anniversary of the genocide. She addressed an audience of more than 400 people including U.N. officials, members of civil society, students, and members of various missions. [More](#).

#### ***Jacqueline Speaks on Post-Genocide Rwanda***

March, 2009 – Jacqueline spoke at Benjamin Cardozo School of law conference on post-genocide Rwanda. Joined by genocide prevention scholars she addressed more than 300 students, academics, members of the Rwandan Diaspora.

#### ***MCW Inspires Young People in Vermont to Take Action in their Community***

March 2009 - Jacqueline and fellow MCW Khalid Elachi presented at St. Johnbury Academy in Vermont to more than 300 students about MCW, Jacqueline's Corner and how they could get involved to make a positive change in their own communities. [More](#).

#### ***Speaking about Genocide at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in NYC***

January 2009 – The longtime partnership between Jacqueline and the Museum of Jewish Heritage continued this past winter when Jacqueline spoke at the annual [Fanya Gottesfeld Heller](#) conference at the museum.

### ***Jacqueline Addresses over 1000 Students in San Jose, California***

January 2009 – Alongside close friend and Holocaust survivor David Gewirtzman, Jacqueline spoke to Californian high school students about the crime of genocide and how young people can have a hand in preventing it.

## **4. MEDIA COVERAGE**

### ***UN Radio Broadcasts Jacqueline's Story***

April 2009 – UN Radio spoke with Jacqueline on the fifteenth anniversary of the Rwandan genocide. [More](#).

### ***Jacqueline's Story Featured in Huffington Post***

April 2009 – Jacqueline was featured in a Huffington Post article on the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the genocide. [More](#).

### ***Al Jazeera Interviews Jacqueline on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rwanda Genocide***

April 2009 – Jacqueline spoke with Al Jazeera on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rwanda Genocide about the genocide and where Rwanda is fifteen years later.

### ***Raising Awareness in Style***

December 2008 – Jacqueline participated in Kenneth Cole's new book *Awearness: Inspiring Stories about How to Make a Difference*. Fellow participants included President Bill Clinton, Governor Mario Cuomo, and Mia Farrow. As part of the Awearness campaign, the Kenneth Cole team invited MCW to host an in-store shopping event with family, friends, and supporters to benefit JM Corner's work. [More](#).

### ***Esquire Magazine Profiles Voices against Genocide***

August 2008 – Jacqueline joined other genocide survivors to help Samantha Power and John Prendergast raise awareness about the need to work together to end genocide in a photo layout in *Esquire Magazine's* issue, *Portrait of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. The October issue profiled the 75 top most influential people of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. [Read More and Watch the Video](#).

### ***Jacqueline Featured in the Trailer for "The Last Survivor"***

"The Last Survivor" explores the idea of genocide in the 21st century as a platform for social action. The Righteous Pictures documentary follows the lives of four genocides survivors, including Jacqueline. The film premiered in early January 2010. Check the website for more screening dates and information. [Website](#). [Watch the Trailer](#).

## **5. FUNDRAISING**

### ***The West Coast Welcomes Jacqueline's Corner***

June 2009 – MCW Board Advisor Victor Gruber held his second benefit dinner for Jacqueline's Corner with family and friends in Southern California. Jacqueline joined MCW executive director

Eddie Bergman and associate executive director Alfie Hanssen to talk about MCW and Jacqueline's Corner's work in Rwanda.

***Jacqueline's Corner Raises Funds and Holiday Spirit in New York***

December 2008 – The Church of the Advent Hope held their annual Christmas benefit concert, giving all the proceeds to Jacqueline's Corner. The concert brought together more than 200 people for a night of multicultural music and poetry.

## **6. RECOGNITION**

***Girls Learn International*** Girls Learn International, a non profit that aims to raise awareness about education and equality for girls worldwide, presented Jacqueline with its annual Humanitarian Award in November 2008.

***Children's Aids Society*** Children Aid Society presented Jacqueline with the 2009 Amazing Young People Award in February 2009. [More.](#)

***Miracle Corners of the World*** MCW honored Jacqueline at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Dinner with the Spirit of MCW Award.

## **7. SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM JACQUELINE**

Having worked with MCW for over two years now, I have learned that behind most great things is a dedicated group of individuals whose work often goes unnoticed. It is my pleasure to work with every member of the MCW team including MCW's board, staff, and the organization's many volunteers in both the U.S. and in Rwanda. To everyone who has ever given time or other resources to JM Corner, my deep gratitude goes out to you as well. I also wish to make special acknowledgements to a few individuals who have worked extra hard this year and without whose effort, Jacqueline's Corner would not have accomplished so much. Special thanks to Eddie Bergman for his continued guidance, to Sharon Roling for her tireless effort and fresh ideas on how to improve the work of JM Corner, and to Alfred Hanssen for his continued leadership role in the building of the soon to be completed Rwanda community center in collaboration with many dedicated volunteers and friends on the ground. Thanks also to Kendra Miller, who has been my right hand woman in planning and executing the annual genocide commemorations, and whose hard work and passion in coordinating the daily activities of JM Corner over the past several months has never gone unnoticed. Thank you to Victor Gruber, who was first to believe in and see the potential of JM Corner as seen through his initial and ongoing investments in JM Corner's work. Victor, my gratitude to you is beyond words. Finally, MCW and Jacqueline's Corner would also like to acknowledge and express gratitude to the hundreds of people all over the world who have made individual contributions to Jacqueline's Corner in the past two years of its existence. Without your support and shared commitment to genocide prevention and to Rwanda's future, we would not be where we are today. Happy New Year to all and thanks again for your support!

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## 9. PHOTOS



NTAMARA, RWANDA- Rwandans work on the construction of the community center



NTAMARA, RWANDA- Construction thus far on the Community Center



NEW YORK, NY- Speakers panel on survivor welfare (April 2009)



NEW YORK, NY- Rwanda commemoration at the UN Chapel (April 2009)



NEW YORK, NY- Jacqueline and former Rwandan Ambassador at the Commemoration of the Rwanda Genocide (April 2009)

NEW YORK, NY- Jacqueline introduces the speakers panel on survivor welfare (April 2009)



NEW YORK, NY- Jacqueline accepts MCW the Humanitarian Award from Girls Learn International (November 2008)



NEW YORK, NY – Jacqueline accepts the Spirit of award at the Fifth Annual MCW Gala Dinner (April 2009)