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## SAVE THE DATES

- \* **MCW'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GALA DINNER**, MONDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, 6:00 – 9:30 PM [Save the Date](#)
- \* **ANNUAL RWANDA GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION**, SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> 2011, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- \* **MCW LEARNING JOURNEY & EXPERIENCE IN RWANDA**, 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF AUGUST 2011 (DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING.)

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### 1. LETTER FROM MCW FELLOW & PROGRAM FOUNDER JACQUELINE MUREKATETE

As we embark on a new year, I am in awe of how much we were able to accomplish in 2010. Thanks to the dedication of many individuals from the U.S and Rwanda, our community center in Rwanda opened its doors this past summer! The center will offer a variety of job training and educational programs to Rwandan youths, many of whom are genocide orphans. Through the center's programs, it is our goal to play a positive role in Rwanda's ongoing rebuilding efforts and progress in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide.

On the US end, our genocide prevention outreach programs continue to take us to high school and college classrooms, churches, synagogues, and international human rights forums, where we continue to motivate the young and the old alike to join us in our ongoing efforts to prevent genocide and other major human rights atrocities.

I am deeply grateful and encouraged by all the welcome and support that we continue to receive from around the world and I look forward to sharing more amazing accomplishments with you in the coming year. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!!!

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### 2. NEWS FROM MIRACLE CORNERS RWANDA

#### ***MCW Rwanda Center Open its Doors & English Classes And Tailoring Courses Begin***

October 5, 2010 – The MCW Rwanda community center begins its first program: an English language training class. 46 students register for the six-month course, led by MCR leadership team member Steven Mutabazi. A week later, MCR offers another English class with 25 students. In November, the center adds a tailoring course and culture troupe to its list of programs. [Photos](#)

### ***MCW Profiles Jackson Vugayabagabo, MCR Country Coordinator***

September 15, 2010 – MCW launches a new social network feature, which profiles MCW program participants. The goal is to capture the unique story of each individual and the impact of MCW's programs on their lives through short text and a slideshow. The first profile features Jackson Vugayabagabo, MCW's Country Coordinator in Rwanda. [Slideshow](#)

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

#### ***December 17, 2010 – Yeshiva University's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanukah Dinner and Convocation***

Jacqueline shares remarks on genocide prevention and crimes against humanity at Yeshiva University's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanukah Dinner and Convocation at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. The dinner was attended by approximately 700 people, including Yeshiva University faculty, Holocaust and genocide educators, business community leaders, and politicians, like Newark Mayor Cory Booker.

#### ***April 7, 2010 – 16<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of 1994 Genocide***

The United Nations invites Jacqueline to share her voice as a survivor at the General Assembly to an audience of more than 400 people, including UN officials, the Rwandan foreign minister and ambassador, civil society representatives and students. Afterward, Jacqueline participates in a commemoration ceremony at the UN Church Center that was organized by MCW advisory member and Rwanda genocide survivor Eugenie Mukeshimana and Rwanda genocide survivor and activist Yvette Rugasaguhunga, as well as other members of the New York Rwandan community. More than 100 people attend the event, which includes a testimony from Edouard Kayihura who survived the genocide in Hotel Des Mille Collines, famously featured in *Hotel Rwanda*.

#### **Other**

During the year, Jacqueline and MCW team members spoke about genocide prevention and crimes against humanity to a variety of groups, including students at Hewlett High School, Museum of Jewish Heritage, Cardozo Law School Human Rights Conference, Pingry High School, and members of the Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring and Holocaust Educators Network.

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### **4. NOTABLE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS**

**June 25, 2010** – Victor Gruber, MCW Advisory member, hosts the third "West Coast Salon" for more than 30 guests in Costa Mesa, California to raise funds for the community center in Rwanda and MCW Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner. MCW team members Nate Crossley, Jacqueline Murekatete and Yvonne Noel spoke at the dinner.

**June 22, 2010** – Mimi Saltzman holds a garden party with nearly thirty guests and MCW team members dedicated to raising funds for MCW's Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner. [Photos](#)

**April 13, 2010** – MCW Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner once again mobilized support for MCW's annual gala dinner, generating funds for the MCW center in Rwanda and genocide prevention education programs in the U.S. [Photos](#)

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### **5. RECOGNITION**

***Adeste Medal*** – November 13, 2010 – The [Adeste Nominating Committee](#) and [JO LEE Magazine](#) nominate Jacqueline for ADESTE's 2011 Prestigious Gold Medal, which recognizes the *40 & under*

*Unsung Hero* who has made an outstanding contribution to humanity in the categories of Humanities, Social Justice, Technology, and Arts and Medicine.

***Black Girls Rock – Black Entertainment Television (BET)*** – November 7, 2010 – Jacqueline receives a Young Community Service Award from Black Girls Rock!, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the healthy development of young women and girls. The awards ceremony was telecast November 7, 2010. [Learn more](#)

***2010 Do Something Awards – VH1*** – July 19, 2010 - Jacqueline was honored at VH1's 2010 Do Something Award ceremony after winning a \$10,000 donation to support MCW's community center in Rwanda. Jacqueline was selected as 1 of 5 winners from more than 600 applicants. [Daily News](#), [Fast Company](#), [CNN's Ali Velshi](#)

***Special Recognition – New York Rwanda Survivor Community*** – April 7, 2010 – During the commemoration ceremony for the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rwanda genocide, the New York community of survivors led by survivors and activists Eugenie Mukeshimana and Yvette Rugasaguhunga recognized Jacqueline for her tireless efforts to raise awareness about the 1994 genocide in Rwanda and the difficulties currently facing the survivor community in Rwanda.

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## 6. MEDIA COVERAGE

October 2010 [Jacqueline Murekatete Honored with BET's Black Girls Rock! Award for Young Community Activists](#)

August 10, 2010 [The Last Survivor \(New York Social Diary\)](#)

August 2010 [Human Rights Activist to Speak in Parsippany \(Healthstip.com\)](#)

July 27, 2010 [Genocide Survivor Embraces her Ordeal to Educate Others \(Cardozo School of Law PR\)](#)

July 2010 [Jacqueline Murekatete Survived the Rwandan Genocide \(TheSurvivorsClub.org\)](#)

July 26, 2010 [Genocide Survivor Embraces her Ordeal to Educate Others \(Fast Company\)](#)

July 23, 2010 [Transcript of Jacqueline's Interview with CNN's Chief Business Correspondent Ali Velshi](#)

July 18, 2010 [Jacqueline Murekatete, Survivor of 1994 Rwandan Genocide, to be Honored for Activism by VH1 \(Daily News\)](#)

July 16, 2010 [Two Locals Among VH1 Honorees \(Blogs.Courant.com\)](#)

July 16, 2010 [Do Something Awards to Honor 5 Young 'World- Changers' \(AOL News\)](#)

May 28, 2010 [Help Do Something Select this Year's 'Top Young World-Changer' \(USA Today\)](#)

April 19, 2010 [Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Commemoration and Memorial to the Holocaust](#)

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## **7. 2011 MCW Learning Journey and Experience in Rwanda**

### PURPOSE

The first MCW Learning Journey and Experience will provide colleagues and supporters with a unique opportunity for a philanthropic, cultural and volunteer experience in Rwanda with a special focus on our grassroots projects and partners at the Miracle Corners Community Center.

### PROGRAM

The trip will feature a site visit to the Community Center in Kayenzi, where we will participate in the official opening ceremony and meet the key stakeholders, including the Miracle Corners-Rwanda leadership team, staff and volunteers, as well as the participants in our current English classes and arts & culture programs, alongside community members. We will also visit the capital Kigali, city sites and memorials in commemoration of the over one million people who lost their lives as a result of the 1994 genocide in just 100 days. Part of this trip will also include visits to tourist attractions in the country. In addition, we will have the opportunity to connect with government, civil society and private sector actors, as well as genocide survivor groups, during the trip. The group will be joined by Jacqueline Murekatete, MCW fellow and founder of MCW's Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner and MCW Board and team members.

### DATES

Between August 15 to August 25, 2011 (We will finalize exact dates shortly, pending response.)

### COST

To be announced shortly. Cost will include accommodation, meals, travel and visits in Rwanda, orientation materials, and a suggested donation, which will be allocated to the MC-Rwanda community center.

### DEADLINE

Please let us know by April 15, 2011 if you are interested in participating.

### MORE INFO

If you have further questions at this time, please contact Sharon Roling at Sharon@miraclecorners.org or at +1-212-453-5811.

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## **8. PHOTOS OF MCW's JACQUELINE'S HUMAN RIGHTS CORNER INITIATIVES**

For pictures of activities during the year, please view the attachment or [click here](#).

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