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MCW Raises \$100,000 at First Gala

Nonprofit organization Miracle Corners of the World (MCW) unveiled plans for the building of a new youth community center in Sierra Leone and raised vital funds for a youth housing village in Songea, Tanzania, during MCW's first annual gala fund raiser at New York University. MCW, a youth-initiated organization that focuses on creating sustainable development projects, raised nearly \$100,000 at its first black-tie fund raiser, bringing together more than 260 donors and volunteers in support of its various outreach initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa and across the world. The nonprofit group, founded by New York University graduate student Edward Bergman and Philadelphia community activist Robert Alsbrooks, mobilizes support from the public, private and professional sectors. Former New York City Mayor David Dinkins served as the keynote speaker.



MCW founders Robert Alsbrooks (left) and Edward Bergman (SCPS '03) honored outgoing SCPS Dean David Finney (center) with a Lifetime Achievement Award in appreciation for his support of the organization.

Other distinguished guests included Ambassador Dr. Augustine Mahiga, Tanzanian Ambassador to the United Nations and Ambassador Daudi Mwakawago, U.N. Secretary-General's Special Representative to Sierra Leone. Dr. Frances White, Dean of the NYU

Gallatin School of Individualized Study served as Master of Ceremonies for the event and Dr. David Finney, Dean of NYU's School of Continuing and Professional Studies, received MCW's Lifetime Achievement Award. ■