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## Miracle Corners of the World

Miracle Corners of the World (MCW) empowers youth to become positive agents of change, to improve their lives and contribute to their own communities in four program areas.

### Youth Leadership

As part of its youth leadership retreat program, MCW trains youth from around the world in social entrepreneurship and cultural competency, building the skills, confidence and networks needed to make a difference in their global and local communities. MCW has held 11 retreats since 1999.

### Community Development

MCW develops sustainable community centers as spaces for youth empowerment, leadership and entrepreneurship, with a particular focus on Africa. Since 2001, MCW has built centers in Arusha and Songea, Tanzania, Freetown, Sierra Leone and is currently working to establish a new center in Rwanda.

### Healthcare

MCW assists communities in Tanzania with limited access to healthcare in a variety of ways, including a dental care outreach program, school-based oral health education, HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention training. MCW also helps hospitals acquire medical equipment and supplies.

### Partner Initiatives

MCW partners with a global network of friends, volunteers and supporters to bring their collective resources to benefit youth worldwide.

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*For more information about Miracle Corners of the World, please visit [www.miraclecorners.org](http://www.miraclecorners.org)*

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“In the 21st century...teaching tolerance and respect for all human beings continues to be necessary...if anything, now more than ever.”

—*Jacqueline Murekatete, 2008 Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient*

## Telling Truths and Teaching Tolerance

**Miracle Corners of the World** founded and launched Jacqueline's Human Rights Corner as a Partner Initiative program Thirteen years after the killing of more than one million people in Rwanda in 100 days, 22-year old human rights activist and Rwanda genocide survivor Jacqueline Murekatete founded Jacqueline's Human Right's Corner in April 2007 as a partner initiative of the non-profit organization Miracle Corners of the World. The program aims to educate people of all ages worldwide about the crime of genocide and to help genocide survivors living in Rwanda rebuild their lives and their communities.

Since April 2007, Jacqueline has spoken internationally to thousands of students in middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities, as well as to members of synagogues, churches, community centers, youth groups, and the like about her experience surviving the 1994 genocide and her commitment to genocide prevention.

Not only is the program devoted to raising awareness, but it also aims to create tangible projects in Rwanda that aid survivors. In less than a year, MCW has registered as a non-profit in Rwanda, set up an advisory board, and secured land for a new community center in the Bugesera district. Construction is set to begin next month - with a goal of being up and running early next year.

As the program moves toward its third year of activity, Jacqueline, who was also a 2008 Ellis Island Medal of Honor Recipient, hopes to continue her education outreach, to write a book about her past experience and current work and to develop a genocide prevention curriculum. She also plans to continue to partner with organizations like NECO, who are committed to promoting tolerance and respect in our increasingly diverse communities, and to creating more globally aware and socially responsible leaders.



### SUPPORTING THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST COMMUNITY LEADERS

## Five Rwandan Youth Attend MCW Youth Retreat

**On July 13<sup>th</sup>** of this year, MCW began its 11th Youth Leadership Retreat at New York University and Champlain College in Vermont. Ranging in ages 16–21, more than fifty young community leaders from Bosnia, China, Haiti, India, Israel, Nigeria, Tanzania, and the U.S. came together to develop personal vision plans, which highlighted their community's challenges and proposed solutions.

MCW also brought five young community leaders from Rwanda who spoke about some of the challenges facing their communities in their post-genocide nation.