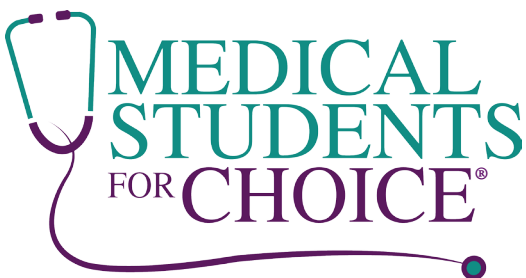




## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Creating tomorrow's ABORTION PROVIDERS and PRO-CHOICE PHYSICIANS



*I feel so privileged to have been given a chance to attend a Medical Students for Choice training. Being left with just months to graduate out of medical school, I have always felt a gap in my training when it comes to abortion, yet it is a part of daily life in Uganda. I have always searched for how I could get this gap closed, and then I came across MSFC. I am really so grateful for this, and am very optimistic that I am going back to Uganda to be the doctor I am meant to be.*

*- Grace, MSFC Student Leader, Makerere University, Uganda*

*I want to give a giant thank you to everyone at MSFC and specifically to the providers I have worked with along the way that have helped me build my medical and ethical foundation. I continue to feel supported and embraced by my MSFC family, and MSFC is the reason that I am going to be a provider. I am about to start my residency in Family Medicine and Psychiatry at an institution where abortion training is integral to the curriculum and spirit of the program.*

*- Christina, MSFC Student Leader, University of Kansas School of Medicine*

MSFC is proud to step in and support medical students around the world when they need it most. Through education, community building, and pure grit MSFCers are changing the world for women.

**Thank you for the support that makes all of this possible.**

To read more MSFC stories, including those of Grace and Christina, please visit our blog at [www.msfc.org/ourblog](http://www.msfc.org/ourblog).

## Update from the President

In spite of the barriers to quality family planning and abortion care faced by patients in the United States and around the world, Medical Students for Choice maintains a laser-like focus on increasing access by training future providers. Our chapters are the centerpiece of our work, providing hundreds of on-campus educational opportunities to tens of thousands of medical students worldwide each year. This year, we supported 184 chapters and their members in their commitment to becoming informed, compassionate physicians capable of providing and promoting access to safe abortion and effective contraception.



Throughout my six years of service on the MSFC board, one of my greatest joys has been watching the growth and evolution of our key programs. The Abortion Training Institute, now in its third year, was expanded to five events this year to meet increasing demand. We again saw growth in the number of participants in our Reproductive Health Externship, and met this demand with a 40% increase in the number of available training sites. As a medical student from a choice-hostile state, these training opportunities have been an invaluable source of high-quality family planning education, combined with much-needed fellowship and support from providers and other MSFCers.

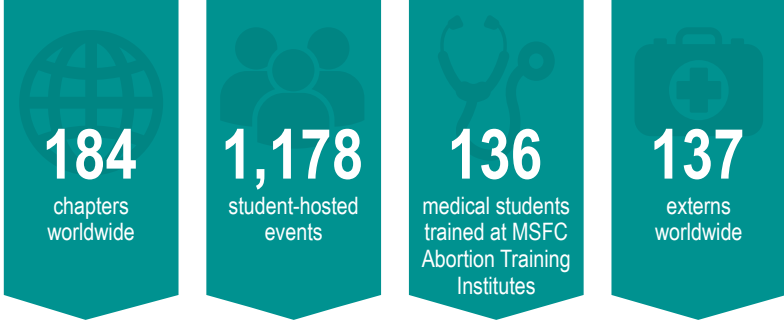
I am proud to say we are now serving future doctors in 31 countries, linking students and residents to training opportunities on campus and in clinics around the world. One thing that has not changed is the dedication of MSFC and our members to ensuring that the next generation of physicians is willing and able to provide knowledgeable, compassionate reproductive healthcare to patients, wherever they need it. Thank you for your tremendous support in making all that we do possible.

Yours in the movement,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mia Henderson', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Mia Henderson  
*President 2015-2016*  
*Washington University School of Medicine*

## 2015 SNAPSHOT



### Inspiring Students Around the World

At the close of 2015, we celebrated a record 184 chapters, yet our network continues to grow and as of August 2016 we now have over 200 chapters around the world! Student groups held 1,178 events, from IUD workshops to abortion provider panels, creating a community of pro-choice future doctors.

School-based chapters are essential to addressing abortion education where we need it most – at the local level. Students can adapt our tools and support for their specific needs, creating environments that embrace abortion without fear or stigma.

### Challenging the Status Quo in Abortion Education

**MSFC's last major survey of medical school curricula in the US found that both infertility and Viagra received more class time, on average, than contraception or abortion.** The abysmal state of abortion education in medical school has motivated students to intervene and introduce abortion and family planning into the curriculum. At least 1/3 of our chapters have worked to create formal changes to their medical school's curriculum in the last year!

## Providing Family Planning Education

MSFC held five Abortion Training Institutes in 2015, providing an unparalleled and innovative education experience to 136 medical students dedicated to becoming abortion providers. **As a result of generous donor support, every student accepted received full funding for all costs related to attending this incredible weekend.**

*Thank you so much for making this weekend possible for me. I came to this conference interested in providing abortions as a healthcare professional. I have left it committed to providing abortion. I know that it is incredibly difficult to know the best way to invest money when supporting a cause, but I know from my experience at the Abortion Training Institute that your gift will help create a generation of abortion providers.*

*-Luke Burns, University of California San Diego*

## Facilitating Unique Training Opportunities

MSFC created the Reproductive Health Externship Funding Program to ensure that medical students receive exposure to abortion care.

**Your financial investment has funded over 1,000 externs since the beginning of the program. In the past year we were able to fund a record high 137 externs in host facility clinics all over the world.**

*I had an amazing experience during my RHE. I feel so honored and privileged to be able to share in these stressful, scary, and intimate moments with the women who came to the clinic. I am inspired by the physicians and clinic staff and the sincerity and empathy they show each and every one of their patients.*

*Mimie Tran, Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine*

## Preparing the Next Generation of Abortion Providers

In 2015, 263 students attended our annual Conference on Family Planning. MSFC provided scholarship funds to international students, students from new or struggling chapters, and students from chapters located in hostile areas. For many attendees, the CoFP is the only formal abortion and family planning education they will receive.



### WE ASKED ATTENDEES:

*"What skills or ideas did you gain at the CoFP that you will take back with you?"*

### MSFCers ANSWERED:

*"I am now certain I want to provide abortions, and I have a much better grasp on how I'm going to go about doing that."*

*"I feel more prepared to discuss my passion as a pro-choice future physician without shame."*

*"I gained confidence in knowing that my path to becoming an abortion provider is possible, and there will be support along the way."*

## Raising the Medical Student Voice

MSFC student groups are great collaborators and often partner with ally organizations like NARAL, Planned Parenthood, and the ACLU. This spring, students at Georgetown invited Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood, to speak at their Catholic university. Events like these bring change to communities with deeply rooted abortion stigma, and energize our students on the long road to abortion provision.

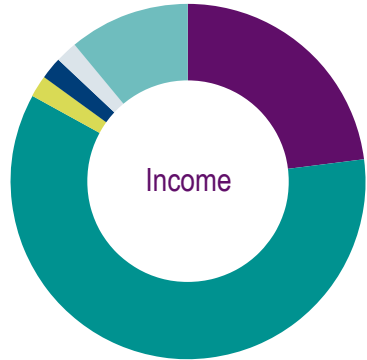


Your support ensures that students are able to advocate not only for their education, but also for access to abortion care. Students have spoken before the Ohio Senate, the Florida House of Representatives, and on the steps of the Supreme Court on the day of the oral arguments for *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*. We are ensuring that the medical student voice is heard and valued in the abortion debate.



## Income

Individual & Trust Contributions	330,399
Foundation Grants	847,007
Meeting Registrations	42,377
Investment Income	39,934
Net gains (losses) on investments	(28,911)
Income Released for use in 2015	174,173
<b>Total Revenues and Support</b>	<b>1,404,979</b>



## Expenses

Externship	264,838
Outreach and Communication	92,525
Student Organizing	411,046
Conferences & Meetings	225,601
Fund Development	126,036
Management & General	200,568
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,320,614</b>



Net Assets at Beginning of Year	3,089,503
Net Assets at End of Year	3,173,868

*"Thank you so much for your generosity.  
Your contribution is helping shape the  
next generation of providers which will  
most definitely better women's access to  
safe abortion care! Merci beaucoup!"*

*-2nd year medical student, Quebec, Canada*



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