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Monthly Report: August 2020

Happy Women's Month

'Wathint' abafazi, wathint' imbokodo'.

This war-cry was made famous by a group of women who knew the power of their voices as they marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria 64 years ago August 9 1956, Lilian Ngoyi, Rahima Moosa, Helen Joseph, Bertha Gxowa and

Sophia Williams-De Bruyn led 20,000 women of all races to hand over petitions to then prime minister JG Strijdom in protest of the proposed amendment to extend the pass law to include women. August month is dedicated to all the women, they are appreciated and acknowledge with different roles they play in our society. You empowerment, you are empowering the nation.

We partnered up with Sisterhood, they hosted an event on the 9th of August where they had guest speakers who came and educated our community about gender based violence, five of our mothers attended the event. Lelothando has been posting pictures of our women staff acknowledging their work and role at Sakhisizwe YDP and being role models to our girls like our chef and cleaner mama Mirriam who is running her own community soup kitchen.



Volunteering program:

We took five young people including one parent who have applied to volunteer in our program, some are varsity students some are unemployed. We partnered up with Sylke from Ubuntu for Africa who sponsored vouchers for them to buy toiletry and Home heroes sponsored food parcel. It is such an honour to see young people from our community giving back, it teaches our students that you don't have to sit at home and do nothing.

Explore your creativity

Our vision is to empower our youth with skills that will help them for their future, with our Creativity programme we introduced crochet for girls. Some have never knitted before and learning a new skill can be intimidating, but with the help of one of our parents Ms Ntombi Boloshe it was not as bad as they thought. For the last 3 weeks they have been knitting their own scarf, we gave them an opportunity to continue knitting at home. We are hoping that this will keep them busy and spend less time watching TV or using their phones as most parents were complaining about that... The boys are making wire cars. We are hoping to sell some of the craft to tourists and to the community at large. “ it’s boring to sit at home and do nothing, we love coming here on a Saturday, hang out with our friends, play pool, listen to music and learn new skills” Simnikile grade 9 girl. Sihle Popo has been excited and appreciating every support that she is receiving from other staff members. This month’s theme is heritage; students will be doing drama about the importance of our heritage.



Academics

This has been a hard year for everyone, especially our grade 12 students who are worried because they don’t feel ready for exams, they will be writing a trial exam in September, after the career guidance workshop we have been assisting them with applying for varsity and college and also applying for bursaries. Most of our students are back at school which has increased the attendance, we are reaching our 20 students per class every day. Thank you to our parents who have been encouraging students to attend. We have been raising awareness on our social media posting posters from Outliers about “No to drop out” We are encouraging our students to attend school and to continue working at home. Most are affected with their household situation as some parents are no longer working due to the pandemic.

Sport

Our swimming classes started this month, due to the regulations during this time, we have taken only eight students, those who can't swim and those who are able to swim. We are happy to continue with Wendy's swimming school. Our vision is to make sure that all students at Sakhisizwe are able to swim. Thank you SPZA for paying for this initiative for a year.. Aerobics' are always our highlights when it comes to sport, great attendance from students, great vibe and excitement. "I'm enjoying the move and the music, its life having fun while exercising" from Naomi grade 8 student Very soon we will continue with soccer and Netball only 10 students at the time.



Leadership development & Youth in tourism: Mentorship

We have started our new program with 14 mentors, introducing the leadership development program and tourism. We are passionate about tourism, and we know that Cape Town is one of the top attraction places.



We are providing an opportunity for these young people to learn about the heritage of this place and visit these sites. The first outing was on the 22nd August and we went to Kirstenbosch gardens. There students learned about the history of the garden, our beautiful fynbos, they walked and hiked there and ended off with a picnic. Well-done to Ricky, our professional tour guide and Lihle, our adventure tour guide student. We are looking forward to more outings and training with this group of students, who are really not doing well. Some have failed grade 12 and others are not studying, we are hoping that 2021 will be a great year for them as they

continue being empowered. The mentorship program with SAYes is also going well with some of the students who have enrolled.



Parental Support

Home visits

When we saw that students were not attending well, Nothemba followed up those who were not attending to find out what was the problem, 16 home visits were done this month and follow up from last month. Some students were lying to the parents and said they were attending so we all decided that we will send our daily register to our parents via whatsapp group so that parents can see who attended and who didn't. This has worked very well, as we have seen an increase of attendance. There are parents who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic. We are no longer receiving food parcels from Home heroes so we had to buy food vouchers for those families that are struggling. Food flow has provided fish for all our families and that funding has come to an end. We will have to continue assist where we can to those families that are in need.

Sinovuyo (Parent to teen)

Another partnership has begun with Clowns without Borders, we have done a refresher training and mentorship training with their trainer, we will start with 12 students who are in grade 7&8 together with their parents on Thursday the 3rd of September for 14 weeks. They will be covering topics like: establishing goals, quality time, praising each other, talking about feelings etc. We look forward to see as an outcome of this a better relationship between parents and teens.

Partnership

We are looking forward to partner up with Hanaa Toefy, she is a UCT student from the Allan Gray Foundation, she would like to build another class room for only grade 10-12 and provide computers and volunteers to assist with academics so that our students could have a high pass rate. We are looking forward to that as she will present it to the Allan Gray Foundation and let us know how to move forward. Thank you very much to the Read's family for donating office furniture.



We celebrated Lelothando Bokuva nd Mhinti Pato's birthday in August and wish them all the best for years to come. !!!!!!!

Thank you very much for supporting Sakhisizwe YDP ... "Together we can build a nation"

Kind regards

Mhinti Pato & team

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