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Monthly Report: September 2020

Happy Heritage day:

On the 21st of September our president announced that as a country we are moving to level 1 which means that normal activity can resume, with precautions and healthy guidelines in place. Very soon we will welcome the world back to our country. On the 24th of September is a heritage day, we

celebrate our cultural wealth. We are a rainbow

nation with different cultures and 11 official languages. This is the day where families share this day enjoying local food, dressed up in traditional clothes.



Explore your creativity:

Students have been practicing different dances from gumboots dance, to cultural dance and amapiyano dance. The mentors started their own African choral choir, amagwijo and poetry for our heritage video. The video was out on the 24th and we shared it on social media marketing Sakhisizwe and also entertainment for heritage day. We are gratefully to our donors who made it possible for us to buy T shirts for all students of Sakhisizwe including our mentors. Well done to Owen who is our local business owner who did an awesome job and we are planning to produce more videos for our website and youtube channel.



Art and Craft:

We had our 4th Crotchet lessons every Saturday for girls, some were excited to finish their scarfs, and they are ready to learn how to make mat plates with recycling plastics. The boys were doing a hand work making cars using wires. Our volunteers are doing an amazing job assisting the team on a Saturday and some during the week.. Sihle Popo



our intern student has been assisted by staff for our students to practice after craft. Please check out our heritage video on social media.



Tourism & leadership development:

We took an advantage of the heritage day where 75 students had an opportunity to learn about the History of Cape Town in details through our Cape Town walking tour experience. Ricky our tour guide shared with passion and joy his own story of seeing Nelson Mandela for the first time just after he was released from prison in Cape Town Grand Parade. We visited the Slave museum and they learned about slavery, walk around the streets of Cape town, heard about the role of the church during apartheid, parliament and ended with picnic t the gardens. Great leadership skills from all the mentors who were assisting to make sure that students are safe and behave well., it is such an honor to open up these opportunity for our youth to be involved in tourism and visiting these sites. . We supported our local transportation where we booked 6 Taxi's for the day.



Academics:



The grade 12 students have started writing trial exams, and they have been studying very hard. We wish them all the best. Grade 7&8 class have been reading short stories from a book called courage like a lion, teaching how young people should stand up against bullying and being true to themselves while the grade 9-11 were reading a book called playing with fire. With the Maths session they have been practicing data handling, percentage, sequences and integers. We went to the streets and collected recycling after 5 months of not collecting recycling. We managed to partner up again with small business and parents to start

doing recycling at home. Wasteplan donated recycling bags. We are hoping to drop the recycling locally for now until we are able to get our own transport. There hasn't been much life skill program and sport because we were spending most of the time practicing for our heritage video.

Events:

Girls event with the Houtbay Rota- actors:



Saturday the 12 of September, 25 girls attended a workshop that was organized by Yamkela and her team from Rota-actors of Houtbay and Ashley from Paddling the way. Girls were divided into small groups where discussions like menstruation, puberty, sexuality, self love, education were discussed. Girls need to be safe especially with the issue of human trafficking that is becoming a threat and gender based violence.

We had a visitor from Rhythm city Sipho, who shared his story as an actor, radio presenter. His hardship in this industry and encouraged students to study and not to think talent is everything. We have been working

right through the lockdown, pushing students to read online, giving out food parcels, vegetable parcels and had our last fish end of August. We are thankful to all our partners who have made this process possible to our students and their families. The team has been working and pushing so much, we are all feeling tired and also the grief of Covid =19 has started to affect us

Jabulani ministries hosted a worshp and prayer for all our staff, students, and mentors. We all need our strength to be renewed.



Parental Support:

Home visits

Our community worker Nothemba visited 14 families and did follow up with few serious cases, like one parent who is not working, she managed to get second hand clothes to sell so that she can support her family. We had one of those moments where families lose everything because of fire, two of our families were directly affected, and they lost everything. We are grateful for our partners who were able to assist with clothes and our parents collected donation to support these families. We would like to say thank you also to our monthly donors who gave towards this tragedy (Rotary club of Houtbay, Thula thula, Bright start, SAYes for donating blankets). Our senior boys did a great job of distributing the blankets to families who have been affected by fire.



Sinovuyo (Parent to teen)

We had great attendance from the parents and teens, for the Sinovuyo parent to teen workshop. It is a safe space for both teens and parents to share about their feelings, space to interact and play with each other through games and singing. We have discussed topics like quality time, the importance of praising each other. We do role plays to make the message clear and for them to be able to connect with what we are discussing. Once a week we attend mentorship sessions online with a coach from Clowns without borders, to show support and where we can improve delivering the program.

Our term 3 newsletter will be out...

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Kind regards

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