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## Sakhisizwe Youth development programme: Report for April 2022:

### Academic support:

All grades are rotating using tablets, not only for Math's but for other subjects as well. We have discovered that they are doing well in Math's and English, but they need assistance now with other subjects. The great thing about the tablets is that they can work on their own, without being disturbed by others. We hope to see more improvement for term 2 with their academics. It is important that we collect their reports every term to see what they need assistance on. The reading club is still going well, they have read stories like heart of stone, sabotage, grade 9 are busy with English grammar, nouns, pro nouns, spelling and learning how to write a summary of a story, in Math's practice they are busy with ratios, percentage, exponents etc.



### Recycling

We have decided to do recycling 3 times a week with different grades going out to pick recycle and be able to still come back and do their schoolwork, each class is required to do 2 activities per day like (recycling and Math's, or tablets and music, or reading and life skills). City of Cape town is still assisting with collecting, separating of recycling.



### Life skills:

Each class is running their own life skills session, both life skills programs are implemented the Mot program and the Peer-to-Peer program, topics like career choices, how to set boundaries, conflicts, and peer pressure.

### Sport:

There was no running this month as students were practicing for the Two Ocean Marathon and for Freedom Day. Swimming, Netball, and soccer are still happening every Tuesdays and Thursdays, while Wednesday was also use for practicing music and dance.

### **Spiritual Support: Friday night:**

Friday nights are our church nights for most of our student as they don't go to church, we discussed about the 7 words of Jesus from the cross, we discussed about forgiveness, repentance, community, what it is to live a life that is pleasing before God, how to surrender our lives and the fact that Jesus paid it all at the cross. We had visitors from The Fox who are from Pietermaritzburg young people who shared about the Gospel through Spiritual dance, acting and worship. It is always amazing to connect our youth with other young people who serious about their spiritual life in following the Lord.

### **Explore your creativity:**



Well done to our youth who performed for the runners who were running the Two Ocean Marathon 56km, by the time they are in Hout Bay they are so tired that they need some motivation to finish. We partnered up with the Two Ocean Marathon to host entertainment for the runners. We also had few of our local runners who entered the race 21km and 56km to fundraise for us via given gain, our gratitude for what they have done. Music studio is up and running, we are still in need of volunteers who could teach instrumental music, and we hop to get more students involve. Prince Ea's video is out, well done to 5 of our youth who were one of the lead leaders on this video please watch it. <https://youtu.be/CVQYgHbtr4I>

### **Grade 12:**

Our 3 grade 12s are doing well, studying every evening Monday to Thursday, they have organized facilitators to assist them, they have opened the space for other students from Silikamva high school, every night \_+ 20 students are attending to study, we wish them all the best.



### **Mentorship development Programm:**

There has been a lot of personal changes/shift that has been happening in most of our mentors, which most are going through hard time, we will soon partner up with a professional counsellor who will be able to share her services in counselling. India who is studying teaching was not coping to work and study, she had to resign to her part time job which makes things hard for her as she doesn't have any support from home, her mother passed away last year with Covid-19, we wish we could do more but we always try our utmost best to support them, some are struggling with depression which makes them to drink during weekends. Some are still looking for jobs and varsity. They really appreciate the meetings on Thursdays with Ricky as they can discuss what they are going through. They have requested a time away in June and inviting more people who could motivate them, as some are on the urge of giving up. The entrepreneurship training is almost finish, the boys will be getting accredited certificates after 6 months which will help them should they consider studying further or start their own businesses.

### Parental Support:

We had few serious cases of our youth who are misbehaving at home, staying out late, not coming back home, which really stressing out the parents. Nothemba has been really supporting these parents visiting them at home and also keeping InTouch via whatsapp to check how they are doing, and offer one on one sessions with the kids, we have realized that we are not fully equipped to deal with youth that are misbehaving, we tried to partner with Social development but we will keep looking for places to refer them, as sometimes the influence others which is not what we would love to see with our youth. We hope for them that they will make wise choices for their future and show great support to their parents.



### Staff development:

On the 15th of May we will be saying good bye to our 3 interns who have been employed by Say yes youth and also Gold Youth, they have spend +\_R133 000 for a year towards our intern's stipend. We wish them all the best, they are not doing well that their contract is coming to an end, and 2 of them have kids to support, we will continue supporting them in pursuing thier studies and getting other jobs.



### Events:

#### Two Ocean Marathon:

We had 10 runners who ran the Two Ocean Marathon fundraising for Sakhisizwe YDP, we would like to say thank you to the Two Ocean Marathon for their complimentary tickets.

#### Networking

I had an opportunity to present at Houtbay Rotary club, to share about what we are doing and hoping to develop more partnership in the future.

### Freedom Day 2022:

We did it again this year in partnership with City of Cape Town, UBomi from Guguletu and Khayelitsha 150 youth in one place doing what they love, entertainment and sport. The theme this year was freedom in sport. Remembering how sport has brought the people of this country together as we celebrated 28 years of freedom. Our youth played soft games that was organized by City of Cape Town, after it was sport time: our girls did well in netball they (10-3) while the boys did 2-1, we had great entertainment from of our youth, we have decided to celebrate June 16<sup>th</sup> in Guguletu as its s a youth month. We are grateful for all the partners that has made this possible for our youth to celebrate and honor what our leaders like Nelson Mandela, Desmond tutu, Chris Hani has done to make sure that people are living in democracy.



More pictures from the Freedom day...Two Ocean Marathon and Academic support:



**Upcoming event:**

- Mid May Parent meeting
- Mid May farewell celebrations for our interns
- June 16 celebration
- Mentors outings end of June/July



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