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REPORT

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This report was compiled by the iKusasalethu team, a group of dedicated professionals who have conducted extensive research and analysis to provide you with accurate and reliable information.



LEFT: Mr Sipho Madlala, Miss Samkelisiwe Gumede, Mr Lindo Mthembu, and Miss Andile Mkhize.

SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMMES

GOAL PRO SOLUTION



The impactful Goal Pro Solution programme is a transformative initiative aimed at empowering students. It has been running for 3 years. This year it started with a buzz of excitement and energy at the 3 different High schools in the Valley of 1000 Hills, with 622 students in grade 8 and 9 ready to kick off a new academic journey. We equip them with essential life skills and goal

setting with our current team. This programme focus more on personal development, growth, academic and overall well-being through various topics. This enables them to develop a stronger sense of self-awareness and confidence, both inside and outside. The positive impact of this initiative is evident as since the implementation of the programme, students are showing increased dedication to their studies and a greater sense of purpose in their learning.

YOUTH CLUB

This programme is a platform for young people to explore their passions, build friendships, and gain valuable life experience. The Youth Club After-school programme is a popular initiative that we run in 4 high schools, attracting over 246 participants. This programme plays a vital role in the development and well-being of young individuals. We offer a wide range of initiatives that cater to diverse interests and needs. Youth Clubs foster a sense of belonging, personal growth, and empower young members to become active and responsible citizens.



In addition, we also provide refreshments during our gatherings. We also prioritize sharing the Gospel with them, we believe that connecting with them on a spiritual level is essential for their holistic development. Since the beginning of the programme, we have witnessed significant positive changes in students who regularly attend.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We continue to impact 2545 students who attend assemblies, and we are humbled to have a personal testimony from the principal of Gwadu Zenex Primary School, this is what he has to say,



Testimony: Mr Zaca,” Ikusasalethu Reps are positively impacting the school in terms of instilling order and discipline among the learners even to the teachers. The moving and motivational talks not only positively impact on the learners but on the teachers as well including non-educator staff that is around the Assembly point. The talks have improved interpersonal relationships within the staff and changed learners’ bad behavioural patterns. Talks are done by people from the Area who practice what they preach in front of the learners, so it become easy to emulate their behaviour. Teachings are promoting unity, an understanding that no person is an island no

person can achieve alone and that we must at all times remain part of a collective and articulate the wishes and concerns of a collective. Teachings nurture and inculcate values that bind us as a school family and create an ethos of respect, discipline and hard work at all levels”.

COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMMES

SPORT

As ikusasa lethu we are very excited and blessed to have boys who attend our football club with an average of 42 players, because they get an opportunity to be mentored by former players and the community at large.



On the 22nd & 23rd of March 2024, the power of teamwork prevailed when they took second place in the tournament organized by Pietermaritzburg Municipality held at Embo (Ehlanzeni). IkusasaLethu Football Club walked away with soccer kit, trophy, medals, and a soccer ball. Each week we are joined by players from different areas because they see an impact, and others come looking for proper guidance. IkusasaLethu Football Club continues to dominate in our local soccer league, hopefully we'll win the league at the end of our soccer season.

YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CHANGE



We are inspired to see transformation in the lives of young people as we continue to have 51 members in our club. Through our impact in the community we now have members of the community volunteering to assist by playing different roles, such as a spiritual, educational and parental roles.

Testimony: Being a part of young people for change has helped transition my life for the best. I have learnt about many things and I have gained knowledge that I did not know I needed. Before I joined this initiative I was scared about opening up and expressing myself and emotions in different situations but after I have joined I have learnt about the importance of voicing out my opinions and how I feel in a respect manner

regardless of what another person says. I have also gained the skill of socialization and how to interact and accommodate other youngsters around me. Being part of this organization have taught me to stand up for myself and be proud and embrace who I am and where I come from. There are many more things that we have been taught and are still learning such as that change does not require many people or a certain age group but as small as I am I can bring change and improvement in my area as long as I am focused and determined.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

COMPUTER TRAINING

The basic computer course commenced in March 2024 and was designed to introduce participants to fundamental computer skills. This course is aimed at empowering and upskilling unemployed youth from disadvantaged backgrounds by giving them basic computer knowledge.

The course was attended by four young ladies, each eager to learn and improve their digital literacy. The course covered essential topics in a progressive manner over a period of 10 weeks – including Introduction to Basic Windows and then Basic MS Word.

The course was concluded successfully with each participant receiving a certificate of attendance. The feedback received from the participants was positive. They reported increased confidence in using and understanding computers and their function. They hope to be able to apply their new skills in their job search going forward.



SEWING



The sewing classes take place twice a week for a duration of three hours per day. We are fortunate to have four young candidates to empower with essential skills. The classes are designed to equip candidates with valuable sewing skills and understanding of sewing processes such as hand-sewing, machine-sewing, cutting-patterns, and garment-assembly under the guidance of a skilled tailor. The candidates' progress showcases their dedication and passion towards the classes. It is evident that the sewing classes have not only equipped them with tangible skills but have also played a fundamental role in

shaping their character.

The inclusion of sharing the Alpha Course gospel has resonated with them, resulting in a positive impact on their overall mind-set, personal growth, strengthening their faith and promoting a sense of purpose.

BARISTA TRAINING

We are delighted to share the outstanding results from our recent barista training programme! We recently trained 10 candidates that now stand confidently as baristas.

Key Highlights:

-Improved Skills: 100% of trainees demonstrated significant improvement in their coffee-making skills, with a notable increase in speed and quality.

-Confidence Boost: 90% of trainees reported feeling more confident in their ability to handle high-pressure situations and manage customer expectations.

-Teamwork: 90% of trainees showed enhanced teamwork and communication skills, leading to a more efficient team.



Testimonials:

- The training was incredibly informative, artistic and fun! I feel like a completely different person and an amazing barista now. I got myself a full-time job at Oscars Café in Hillcrest - **Sizwe Shandu**.
- The skills I learned have boosted my confidence and improved my overall performance. I consider myself a fast-growing barista, I had no idea I'll be so confident to pour and desire a coffee with a latte art- **Sbonga Mbili**
- Thanks for the wonderful training I've received from Ikusasaletu and People's coffee, the training has helped me to find a full time Job, the training has helped me to regain confidence and hope, the training has opened my eyes to see that there is nothing I cannot do if I apply myself to it and partner with the right and positive people.

Your continued generosity will help us make a difference in the lives of those in need. We appreciate your kindness and support. Thank you for considering us for your donation!

Donations of sport equipment, funds for refreshments and training materials would also be a great blessing.

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