

SALESIAN INSTITUTE YOUTH PROJECTS

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Urgent Donations Needed to Continue our Work

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SALESIAN SUPPORTERS

The first half of 2018 has seen many positive achievements and exciting developments that we would like to share with all our Salesian supporters. All the staff and learners at SIYP paid it forward on the 18th of July 2018, celebrating Nelson Mandela Day and honouring his dream of an equal society.

The Learn to Live School adopted 2 new vocational skills training programmes this year, and we believe it will assist the youth in securing employment in line with industry requirements.

The YES (Youth Employment Skills) programme is delivering quality training and has added a Retail and Merchandising leg to their offering, whilst the Porsche students completed their mid-year exams with great success.

We share an inspiring stories with you and welcome some key new staff on board. Julie Vivier, Head of Fundraising, Victoria Wall, European Fundraiser and Sharon Vermaak heading up the Monitoring and Evaluation Department, a key focus area in our organisation.

The current economic situation in SA is putting increased pressure on us to deliver on our promises to the youth. Please will you give an urgent donation today, which could help provide a young person a second chance in life. Your continued support is appreciated and valued thank you!

Kind regards

Hilton Nyirenda, CEO

LEARN TO LIVE SCHOOL OF SKILLS

"The School commenced Mandela Day with an Assembly wherein we were reminded of Madiba's sacrifice for the freedom of all South Africans and how he showed that each one of us has the capacity to bring goodness into the world, that it is literally "In Our Hands" to make that difference.

It was hugely empowering for our learners to realize that they too had the capacity to give something that was needed and valued by others. Amid much excitement the learners gathered in the playground to participate in making a human shape of "46664", the prisoner number of Madiba. Thereafter, sporting red peaked caps from a kind Donor, we began our lengthy walk to the Sea Point beachfront, to clean the beach. As the pics show, it was a wonderful success!

Upon our exhausted return to the School we realised that we too had accomplished a Long Walk. Albeit not for freedom as our icon Madiba had done, we had experienced a day of footsore giving and had become more empowered than before, in making a difference to a cleaner and more beautiful world in our small way."



"MADIBA" 46664

Commemorating Mandela Day on 18 July started with 200 Learn to Live pupils and around 100 SIYP program students & staff, making a human formation of the numbers 46664 in commemoration of Nelson Mandela's struggles in prison.

The second time that Mandela was imprisoned on Robben Island was in 1964, and he was the 466th prisoner that year. His prison number remained 466/64 until 1982, when he was transferred to Pollsmoor Prison and given the prison number 220/82. "Prisoner 46664" continues to be used as a reverential title for Nelson Mandela.



**"Let's keep our
environment clean,
let's respect our
beautiful
environment and
treat it with respect"**



YES PROGRAMME MEETS MARKET DEMAND

As part of the JP Morgan fund that was acquired by CIE Thabiso Skills Institute, a three months **Merchandising Course** was held from the 1st May to 16th July 2018. Titan Skills Institute, an external service provider has been contracted to facilitate this project. The training was offered at 10 centres that are in partnership with CIE including SIYP. Each centre was responsible for the recruitment of students as well seeking workplace opportunities for the Workplace Based Learning (WBL) from the retail stores.

SIYP identified a student that was trained as a Trainee Facilitator from the Institute who (for the purpose of upskilling/training), attended the three months Merchandising Training Programme together with the students. CIE, through the JP Morgan Fund paid the facilitator fee over the three months. In addition, we have accredited training material.

This was a pilot programme whilst in-store managers indicated that the requirement to provide more students undergoing this training is huge. Further funding is therefore a critical requirement to support this need.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL COURSE

In collaboration with Mr. Price Foundation Jumpstart Programme, SIYP offers a **Retail Programme** to develop skills that will assist youth in becoming employable in a variety of careers that span the retail industry.

These programmes include training for entry level positions in stores, sales, distribution centres and financial services as well as offering graduates the opportunity to learn professional retail skills for buying, planning, operations management development and store management.



**"We value our industry
partnerships creating
employment
opportunities for our
youth"**

DESPERATE SITUATIONS REQUIRES DESPERATE MEASURES...

Mandla Shopu is a determined young man focused on making a success, despite many obstacles he encountered during his life. When he completed his high school in 2008 he could not find employment. Mandla heard from a friend that there might be a job opportunity at the Waterfront in construction. Whilst at the Waterfront, he saw some people sitting at the Viking fishing facility and he thought to himself: "Maybe I should try working at sea", and with that he started talking to the people asking how he can get into the industry and what the requirements are.

Mandla was directed to the Salesian Institute Youth Projects where the Waves of Change Programme aid youth at risk, in guiding young men and woman in preparation for working at sea. He was told to contact Mr. Focus (Abraham Lottering), the Waves of Change Programme facilitator. This is where Mandla had to start improvising plans that would bring him to the Salesians and assist him in his plans to secure employment at sea.

Mandla did not have any transport money. What he did was to "steel train". This terminology is used, when someone does not have money to buy a train ticket, but still getting onto a train, and not paying, whilst hoping that security will not catch and prosecute the individual.

"Steeling train" is what Mandla did to get to the Salesian Institute during his orientation period and to return several times over a 5-month period to get all his paperwork sorted out, then to travel to Cape Town during his endeavors to secure employment. To get a job was his primary focus. Growing up with an absent father and a mother who passed away at an early age, Mandla wanted security more than anything. That came in the form of a job opportunity at Amsol. His patience and perseverance finally paid off. He secured a 1-year contract working on a big sea vessel laying telecommunication cables in the ocean. Mandla is currently working in the engine room.



"This opportunity was worth more than gold" Mandla says. "I have a future and an income. I now have hope. This would not have been possible without the assistance of Mr. Focus and the Salesian Institute Youth Projects. I don't *steel train* anymore, I buy my ticket every time."

Mandla continues to work for Amsol and attending additional training offered by Amsol to further his career in the maritime industry.

PORSCHE MID YEAR EXAMS

In the final week of June our first intake of PTRC-ZA students completed their mid-term assessments. The purpose of the assessments was to provide an insight as to how far the students have come in their first year and to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each individual and the group as a whole in preparation for their final exams next year.

The assessment consisted of three questions comprising of theoretical and practical components designed to test the student's level of mastery of various mechanical and electrical competencies. They were run under the supervision of Katrin Schulz as a representative of Porsche Aftersales Vocational Education (PAVE). We are pleased to announce that both the students and the teachers were applauded by Porsche for their results achieved.

Throughout this year and during their assessments there were certain students whose dedication and level of excellency merited special mention.

We congratulate each of these recipients and look forward to witnessing their continued growth in the program!

2019 INTAKE NOW OPEN!

The Porsche Training and Recruitment Centre is proud to announce that we are now open for applications for the January 2019 intake!

We have 25 positions available for dynamic, young individuals interested in careers as Automotive Service Mechatronics Technicians.

Ideal candidates will meet the following criteria:

- Have completed or currently completing Matric with English, Mathematics and Physical Science
- Be between 18-24 years of age
- Have a genuine interest in pursuing a career as an automotive service technician
- Be from a socially disadvantaged background
- Be able to travel to Greenpoint, Cape Town daily
- Be able to commit to a two-year period of study

Interested candidates should email Pedro.gomes@salesianyouth.org.za for further information.



Best Female Student – Kelley Williams

Most Dedicated – Vuyo Mbombo and Fierdouz Eksteen

Most Improved – Musa Mabe and Allison Peterson

Best Practical – Ashley Che-Pietersen

Best Theory Student – Liyaaquat Schouw

Don Bosco Award – Abou Bakr Bohardien



OUTREACH TO POLLSMOOR

The Salesian Outreach Programme is a unit utilised by SIYP to increase our reach and impact among the youth at risk in collaborative partnering with key stakeholders.

The Salesian Outreach Programme in collaboration with the Pollsmoor Correctional services is offering a pre-release programme to offenders. The aim of this intervention is to reduce reoffending rates among youth offenders. We hope that through life coaching, work readiness, goal setting, conflict resolution and trust building workshops – prisoners would be ready to reintegrate back into their communities.

The first group of 17 male prisoners, “graduated” recently, after successful completion of the recent life coaching sessions.

Monitoring & Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation system has been streamlined during the first half of 2018. This system allows us to track the children, youth, and the programmes, financial spending, budgets, and any further information required to assess and track targets. Donors are able to view key areas of performance.

The M&E department is now been headed up by Sharon Vermaak. M&E will facilitate internal and external strategic conversations which will allow SIYP to operate at its optimal best.

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