

# UKUWELA IINDABA QUARTERLY IMPACT MARCH 2022

'Summertime is always the best  
of what might be'

**Charles Bowden**

There is a season for everything and everyone. We have waited a long time for summer and it is here in every sense! Given the last two years - we are soaking it all in!



In keeping with this lively season, our Ukuwela candidates have been equally busy and out and about.

Congratulations to our girl, Aisha-Lee Gentle, who secured a permanent position as a packer at Checkers, York Street following seasonal work over the December holidays! New beginnings also followed for Clinton Michells and Zelda Japhta who started at Safari Braai Bricks on the 2nd of March 2022 under the watchful eye of seasoned manager, Lawrence Cedras. Thank you Safari, for your commitment to our candidates! Safari has accommodated four Carpe Diem learners to date!

Behind every successful candidate stands a dedicated Ukuwela Facilitator who supports our candidates holistically. Herma Lombard has been that person for Clinton, Zelda and so many other Ukuwela candidates. She has been working as a volunteer for Ukuwela for more than a year and brings with her more than 40 years of experience in the field of special needs education. Ukuwela cannot thank you enough, Herma! You are the stuff legends are made of!



**FAR LEFT: CLINTON AND ZELDA  
GETTING MORE THAN JUST  
THEIR HANDS DIRTY AT SAFARI  
BRAAI BRICKS.**

**LEFT: UKUWELA'S SECRET  
WEAPON AND MAGIC  
INGREDIENT: HERMA LOMBARD**

Herma was also right there next to Christeline at Africorp who was recently assigned a new work duty working with an iPad. Africorp has been super supportive of Christeline throughout the COVID pandemic and they recently acknowledged her services with a two years recognition certificate. Thank you Africorp for supporting and saluting Christeline!

Ricardo de Wee also received his 'Vasbyt' Award this term following his first year of employment at Kiewietsvlei! Congratulations to Ricardo, mom Beverley, supervisor Charles and the team at Kiewietsvlei. One year down and many still to go!

We don't always count years, days matter too! Congratulations to Rohan for impressing TCS Wifi! Rohan not only received his uniform (these days it comes with a matching mask!) but was also requested to work an additional day of the week!



**RICARDO WITH HIS 'VASBYT' AWARD**



**ROHAN IN UNIFORM AND MASKED UP!**

Another Ukuwela candidate who is going from strength to strength and becoming more beautiful by the day is the lovely Raychaan Pienaar. Yozeldè and the mighty Michelangelo Team took Raychaan under their wing and has come up with the most amazing training techniques to teach Raychaan the ins and outs of hairdressing skills. Raychaan continues to grow in skills, inner strength and beauty and we were blown away by the most recent pics Michelangelo sent us! Wow!



**RAYCHAAN: A YOUNG WOMAN OF STRENGTH, SKILLS AND BEAUTY**

## Summer shoutout

Through their journey with Raychaan, Michelangelo's heartstrings were pulled towards Carpe Diem. The team's vision and passion resulted in a full week of training hosted by Michelangelo at Carpe Diem. The ladies instructed 50 of our girls in massaging, hands-, feet- and hair techniques directly from the beauty industry. Thank you ladies for your inspiration, passion, and dedication. A special summer shoutout to Yozeldè for her efforts in setting up the space on the hottest day of the year at the hottest time of the day! You are one amazing woman!



**THE LOVELY TEAM FROM MICHELANGELO HAIR SALON AND DRY BAR. THESE LADIES ARE ANGELS!**



**THE GIRLS WERE HARD AT WORK PRACTICISING HAIR TECHNIQUES**

COVID taught us many things, of which one is to never take anything for granted. Ukuwela was therefore so happy to be able to continue investing in our school-going learners, preparing them for the world of work, by taking them on work exposure opportunities. This term our senior boys attended Game Car Wash where they honed their car washing skills. Well done, boys, you made us proud!



**OUR SENIOR BOYS HARD AT WORK AT GAME CAR WASH**

The senior girls got an opportunity to show off their hospitality skills at Geronimo Spur and Timber Wolf Spur where they cleaned, chopped, portioned and did all things kitchen-related. Thank you Spur, for not only giving our learners this learning opportunity but also awarding them with a Spur Burger, chips and cooldrink! It went down as a highlight!



**CHOP-CHOP WITH THE AMAZING  
GLORIA (MIDDLE) IN GERONIMO SPUR'S  
KITCHEN!**

None of this would have been possible without the financial support from various organisations and businesses. A heartfelt thank you to the Fuchs Foundation, LT Oosthuizen Transport, Miller's Attorneys, The Garden Route Mall (Attacq Foundation) and Securitas for their generous donations to Ukuwela this past term. Don't forget that 18A certificates can be obtained for donations and that we can also assist with B-BBEE scorecards in the Socio-Economic Development and Skills training categories. Get in touch with us if this strikes a chord!

What a privilege to be busy. It means we have opportunities, prospects, plans and ideas! Thank you for soaking up the sun with us. The summer is, indeed, magic!

PS: If you missed out on anything: have a look on our Facebook page (@ukuwelaprogram) where it is also happening!

Until next term,

*The Ukuwela Office*



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