

UKUWELA IINDABA QUARTERLY IMPACT MARCH 2023

The saying goes that you cannot keep a good man down. True that, neither can you keep the Carpe Diem learners down! We invite you to read our latest newsletter to hear how our learners made themselves count.

Good man, Asisipho Ndzoto, Ukuwela Facilitator and local superhero accompanied our learners to Game Car Wash where learners put their car washing skills into practise. Big thank you to Jacques and Paul from Game Car Wash as well our educators who lay the foundation for these skills at school. This is how we bring the industry and the curriculum closer together to equip our learners for the world of work. Both our senior boys and girls had the opportunity to participate, and they braved sun, wind and rain to get those cars bright and shiny!



THE CARPE DIEM LEARNERS HARD AT WORK AT GAME CAR WASH!

It doesn't end there though. McDonald's is not only big on burgers, they're also big on learners with disabilities. Partnering with JobAble and their A-team, Marius and Loriane, McDonald's has enabled job shadowing opportunities for learners with disabilities across the Western and Eastern Cape. Two Carpe Diem learners, Theresa and Romano, recently commenced job shadowing at McDonald's in Courtney Street under the watchful eye of Asisipho. Big thanks to Restaurant Manager, Samantha and her crew as well as Area Manager, Lucinde for welcoming us with open arms.

'It is very difficult to have a meaningful life without meaningful work'
Jim Collins

Ukuwela is grateful to the businesses who invest in our candidates and this list grows every month! Thank you to Pieter from Sub-Sahara Solar for giving Ukuwela candidate, Ikie, a chance and supporting him. Ikie has been employed for two months and in the words of his mom: 'he can't stop smiling.'

The Paediatric practise of Dr Emmy Verster together with her team, Chrismelen and Thelma, have enabled an internship for an Ukuwela candidate. Janeane Prins grabbed this opportunity with both hands and the practise reports it's both thumbs up for Janeane's participation.



**OUR MAN, IKIE, ON THE JOB AND ON TIME
AT SUB-SAHARA SOLAR**



**CHRISMELLEN, JANEANE AND THELMA.
THE A-TEAM AT THE PRACTISE OF DR
VERSTER**



**LOOKING GOOD IN YOUR NEW UNIFORM,
MARIA!**

We cannot be prouder of Maria and Daniel, who completed their job shadowing at McDonald's last year and were appointed from December 2022. These two have worked their way through the busiest time of year and are still standing strong. This time in their newly acquired McDonald's uniforms!

Ukuwela currently supports twelve candidates who are in their first year of work and, even more importantly, they are making work, work! Congratulations to every one of these candidates, their families, co-workers and supervisors who support them! No one can keep a good team down!

Someone who believes with us in our learners and their potential is the amazing Melanie Taddeo-Nxumalo. Superwoman Melanie is Canadian, legally blind, a special education teacher and best of all: she loves Carpe Diem. Together with husband, Bekki, they made the long trek to Mzansi and we had the privilege of meeting her. She is back in snowy Canada, but together with a great team she is hosting a public speaking workshop for some of our learners via Zoom. Thanks Melanie, for sowing into Carpe Diem and also supporting us in what we do.

‘Life is too short to have boring hair’

Anonymous

Yes, we totally agree! This is why we felt we absolutely must invest in making sure our senior girls are up to date with all the latest and greatest trends when it comes to hair. Some of our senior girls participated in a skills training course presented by the amazing Jeanine from Michelangelo Hair Academy with a focus on braiding and weaving skills. All aspects were covered from braiding, weaving in extensions and hair pieces to washing of braided hair and even up-styles! This is a great skill that our girls can use in the community, because who can resist pretty hair? The course was a major success, and our girls are fired-up about all things hair! Thank you to Michelangelo Hair Academy as well as Carpe Diem educator, Maryna, who shares a passion for teaching our learners.



THE BRAIDING AND WEAVING SKILLS TRAINING WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! OUR GIRLS OUTDID THEMSELVES AND THE END RESULTS WERE JUST STUNNING!

From hair to computer ware.... Ukuwela and Carpe Diem School officially became licensees of the premier-award winning program, Computers 4 Kids! This program not only enables our learners to participate in a SETA accredited computer training course but provides a digital skills curriculum accessible to all learners at Carpe Diem. The Computer 4 Kids support team have presented training to our staff and are absolutely amazing in the way they support licensees!

'Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.'

Kathy Calvin

Ukuwela had a busy term with many activities, opportunities and connections. This was made possible by our supporters particularly those who made financial contributions. A very big thanks to LT Oosthuizen Transport, the Fuchs Foundation, Comgest, Garden Route Mall and the Attacq Foundation, Miller's Attorneys and Securitas Financial Group. Thank you for not only making a donation, but making a difference.

A very big thank you also to those who put in the elbow grease: Asi, Herma, and Cornel!

This newsletter is littered with quotes, and it would only be appropriate to end with a quote about quotes. We were, after all, just expressing ourselves and how we feel about this journey of change and development!

It was Julio Cortazar who said:

'In quoting others, we cite ourselves'.

Happy Easter,

The Ukuwela Team



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