

UKUWELA IINDABA QUARTERLY IMPACT DECEMBER 2024

*'Having fun is not a diversion from a successful life,
it is the pathway to it.'*

Martha Beck

Somehow, we don't associate work with fun, yet it is a key element to reaching our potential. It is therefore such a privilege to witness the excitement of our senior learners when they get the opportunity to put their skills into practice in the workplace. This term our girls attended work exposure at Protea Hotel by Marriott King George where they assisted housekeeping staff with preparing rooms for guests. Our boys made themselves handy at Wilderness Fruit, folding boxes and labelling fruit packets. Big thank you to these companies for hosting our learners!



**DANTÈ (LEFT) IS ALL SMILES AT WILDERNESS FRUIT AND KAYLIEN (RIGHT) IS ALL CONCENTRATION AT PROTEA HOTEL BY MARRIOTT KING GEORGE.
GOOD JOB!**

It is lovely to see how skills training supports our learners' curriculum. Ukuwela got with the program and can now say we also did online training! Thank you to Agriskills Transfer for the Home Veggie Garden short course which our senior boys completed with the support of Teacher Lana. Each learner also received a fantastic summer seed pack that can yield an astonishing 100 kilograms of vegetables from just 15 square metres!





**SUMMER SEED PACKS FOR THE WIN! HOME VEGGIE COURSE DONE AND DUSTED!
THANK YOU TEACHER LANA AND AGRISKILLS TRANSFER**

Ukuwela recently concluded our job shadowing projects at various sites. These learners provided supportive services on a regular basis over a period of time. It takes courage to start and determination to continue. Well done to Suzette at Mood Hair Salon, Chrizzett and Kihara at Michelangelo Hair and Beauty Salon, Onele and Riley at McDonald's and Koketso at KFC! These experiences are testimony to your willingness to work and we believe it paves the way to successful future employment.



**STILL LOOKING GOOD AFTER A SHIFT
AT KFC. PROUD OF YOU, KOKETSO!**



**RILEY (RIGHT) SPORTING HIS CERTIFICATE
FOR JOB SHADOWING AT MCDONALD'S.**

Another Ukuwela candidate enjoying herself is Andisiwe Mbexa who started work on the 1st of November 2024 at Mungo, a bespoke homeware textile company based in Plettenberg Bay. Andisiwe's big dream is to become a fashion designer, and she is so happy working with the most beautiful textiles. To quote her: 'I love my job.'

Currently, Ukuwela is gearing up for 2025 and has received twelve nominations of candidates to participate in the employment component of the program. These learners have been assessed and we are hard at work mapping resources to connect them to potential opportunities.

Taking stock of the year's activities we stand amazed at what was accomplished! A total of 114 attendances were recorded of learners who participated in work exposure at six different workplaces representing five different industries. In addition to work exposure, we clocked 74 attendances of learners participating in skills training short courses conducted by accredited training providers. These include Basic Housekeeping, Room Attendant, Home Veggie Garden and Leg, Foot and Scalp massage training.



**SUZANNE AND ASISIPHO:
SERIOUS ABOUT FUN!**

Ukuwela cannot provide these opportunities for our learners without the support of our staff. Suzanne Stark and Asisipho Ndzoto man the Ukuwela office and run the show, but we can't do it alone. A big thank you to our ad-hoc facilitators including Desiree van der Vyver, Cornel O'Kennedy, Herma Lombard and Elspeth Hoffmann.

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We honestly don't know how to thank you enough for the difference you make!

Ukuwela looks forward to 2025 and we cannot wait to share some amazing achievements with you. Let's just say that the number 50 might be coming up...

Have a blessed festive season and be intentional about having fun!
After all, it is key to success.

The Ukuwela Team