

## Matric 2021

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I was very lucky to have been selected to attend grade 0 at iThemba Labantu at the age of 4 years and I felt very special indeed. We would have visitors and they will teach us many activities at school, I got clothes for Easter holidays and December I still remember that as I grew up with my mother as a single parent, she was struggling but with the help she got from the center made her life bearable I would say. I ate in the Centre's soup Kitchen and got food parcel to take home.

Going to primary and High school my mother did not struggle with enrolment as everything was taken care by the Centre's facilitators to put us in school. I fitted in with the other children and had confidence in my self as well as I can communicate and understand English as my second language. A lot of positive things has happened and change my life for the better. I am proud to be turning 18 and have my future looking so bright. The Centre has kept me busy with the afternoon programs and I would be indecisive at times as to which one to attend as I enjoyed to be part of everything especially Arts/Drama, I did dance and netball part time, you will also find me in a choir singing a lot. Sometimes I would be chosen to be a Master of Ceremonies that are held by the Centre because of my confidence and the leadership skills I got from being the member of a girl's club that was also a part of afternoon program.

I am 18 years now and still grateful to have had Mentor's at the Centre who did not criticize us when we had poor results but motivated us to keep pushing and encouraging us to do better next time. Even this year there is a program I enrolled to, to improve my marks for an entry to university.

I have applied to do Human resource in Social Working. And I would love to be a Social Worker as I am passionate about working with Children especially the one in a poor community so that they can change their living conditions. I would like to study further so that I achieve my goals. And make a difference also in somebody's life.

Thank you to all the sponsors who have made a difference in my Life. You have been nothing but a blessing.