

Matric 2021

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When I was 4 years old, I remember clearly that iThemba Labantu had introduced many things in the community because we used to come and have food by the soup kitchen and I have attended grade 0 with the other kids. We had a lot of fun; there were people who taught us how to play Marimba at that age. And I always enjoyed attending church on Fridays.

I learnt a lot from the visitors that would come to the center and bring us presents and Blankets. I also got food parcel every month and that made life a lot easier for us at home.

When I was at primary school then the Centre introduced this program of after care where we got assistance from the facilitators and volunteers to improve our subjects and at that time, I was able to communicate with others very well because of the foundation phase I got from grade 0.

Helen from Germany introduced a program where girls would meet and talk about girls' stuff, motivating and encouraging us to better in our lives. I learnt a lot and ended up being a leader of a girl's club when they were no longer here at the center. I always enjoyed playing net ball and Trumpet but later on I did Art and Drama and that is where my passion and I love the adrenalin that comes with it. I had a lot of achievements in this field of Arts and culture. I remember 2018 I got selected to go to Johannesburg for a competition and that was the highlight of my life competing with all provinces and I represented iThemba and Western Cape Province.

My aim is to plough back to my community and I am very confident that my dream would come through when I have completed the course that I have chosen as my first priority, which is Psychology. That will equip me to open a Program that I can facilitate change in the mind set of the youth not to condemn themselves because of their background rather to explore what they can use to their advantage to better their lives, then also the drama and dance classes will also be part of what I will do in future.

I will forever be grateful for the assistance I received from the Centre and that may it continue to bless other children and bring change in their lives.