

Matric 2020

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Matriculants 2021

I came to the Centre at the age of 4 years and from what I can remember is that my parents were not paying any fees for the pre-school grade 0 at that time, but I had prepared meals at the center's soup Kitchen and we used to get food parcels every month. The treatment we got was of a private school because we had a school uniform as compared to other crèches in our community.

Going to Meadowridge Primary school, life was not that difficult for me as I was able to interact and fit in with other children who were English speaking and I could play with the volunteers and they were also teaching us how to speak English. I attended afterschool programs such as sport and learn how to play Marimba. I loved the school outing that I went to, such as Museums, the Zoo, learning about animals was such an awesome time for me as I like to connect with nature and it humbles me to understand how they survive.

I enjoyed being part of the Boys club that was formed by one of the volunteers back in 2016 and with the skills I got from that program I am now able to talk to other boys about self-discipline and to stay motivated in doing good for others. Last year in March I decided to open a Youth Program together with a friend of mine, focusing on saying No to Gender based Violence and have registered it since I saw the need to educate other boys because of the violence happening in the community I live in. I have witnessed many brutal killings of innocent young girls and really trying to make a difference in changing the mindset of young boys to be kind not violent.

My goal is to open an Agency of Modelling and would focus on Boys only and trying to keep them busy while they are looking for school or being employed. That is how I will give back to my community as there will be no fees charged and opportunities will be granted to the youth of Philippi and its surroundings.

I have applied to study Biotechnology at the University of Cape Town. I love nature and I want to explore more about nature, animals and plants breeding. He is very grateful to have been part of iThemba Labantu's family.