



# SIZANANI

Academy of sewing and design

## NEWSLETTER

October 2019



Dear Friends

Greetings to you all. This will be the **last newsletter of 2019** going out to you all. It has been wonderful to make contact with you through this medium, and we hope that you are as encouraged as we are by the things we are able to share in this space.

In September, the **Womens' Auxillary of the Pinetown Methodist Church** were celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We were privileged to be included in this special occasion, and the students excitedly designed and sewed an outfit (or 2 or 3 😊😊) to model at the event. All the photos in this newsletter are from that day and many more photos can be seen on our Facebook page (Sizanani, Academy of sewing and design) – so make sure you have a look at them all. LIKE our page so you





receive notifications of any posts we put up.

**Our year-end Fashion Show and Prize-giving Event** is to be held on Saturday 7 December from 9.30a.m. in the Pinetown Methodist Church Hall. Put that date in your diary, as you are sure to see some lovely outfits during the Fashion Show. Tickets will be on sale at the door – R30/adult.

We have some **new courses** planned for 2020. We will be advertising these on our Facebook page from the end of October 2019. A taste of what is to come is –

– **Full time** courses :

\* 2 month short courses – sewing only

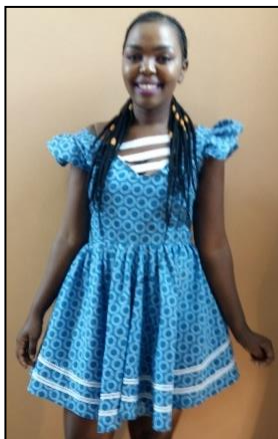
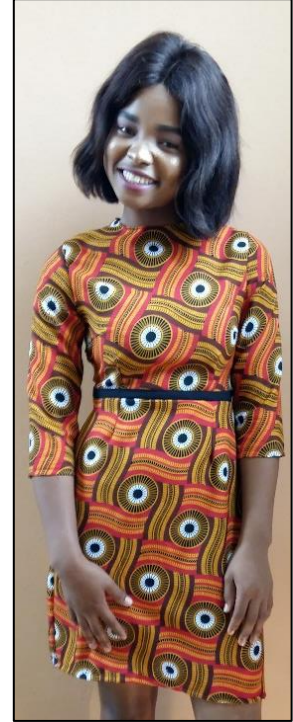
\* 3 month basic courses – including some pattern drafting

\* 1 year advanced course – sewing and pattern drafting skills

\* 2 year higher certificate course

\* 1 year part time training course (weekdays or Saturdays)

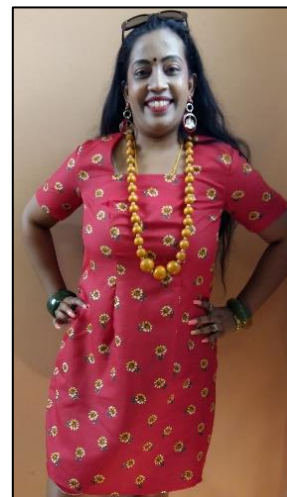
Our thanks go out to **everyone who has supported Sizanani** during 2019 – those of you who contribute each month into our Friends of Sizanani Fund; those Trusts, Businesses, Organisations and individuals who have





contributed with Donations or In-kind contributions to enable Sizanani to complete another year of training. Your support has ensured that we will be able to open our doors once again next year to continue offering skills training to our community.

It has been wonderful to have a handful of students taking advantage of the option to purchase a sewing machine through **Sizanani's sewing machine Fund**. Elna 120 sewing machines are an entry-level machine covering the basic options for sewing i.e. it has a buttonhole making option as well as some decorative stitches that can be used to finish off necklines, pockets, hemlines, etc. Students have the option to buy the machine through Sizanani (who pays for the machine) and then students pay Sizanani back during the year or more that they are in training. The student uses 'their' machine in training, so they are familiar with everything about the machine once they complete their training. The students, who have been able to buy a machine, definitely have an advantage when they leave training.





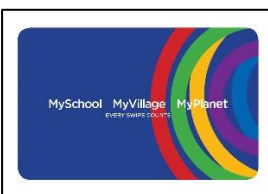
Wouldn't it be wonderful if every student could afford a machine? A way that you can enable this to happen is to ensure that we are able to keep our training fees as low as possible. The more funds we can raise during a year, ensures that the training fees can remain as subsidised as possible. This would mean that it could be more affordable for a student to pay off a sewing machine at the same time.

Please don't forget the many ways that **YOU** can participate in ensuring Sizanani continues to offer empowerment training in 2020 –

- Support our Charity Shop – shop there or donate goods
- Make a monthly/annual contribution to the 'Friends of Sizanani Fund' through Zapper or Payfast.co.za
- Join the My School Card programme nominating Sizanani as your beneficiary

Yours in Christ –

*Sharon, Mpume and Lindile*



*Wishing  
you a  
blessed  
2020*