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Dear Friends

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Greetings from Sizanani staff and students. We hope that you will enjoy reading our news for the second quarter of 2019.



A **HUGE shout out** to Graeme Thorne who ran his first Comrades Marathon this year, dedicating his run as a fundraiser for Sizanani. The Comrades Marathon is an ultra-marathon race run over a distance of approximately 87km which the entrants have to complete within a 12 hour period. This year the race started in Durban and finished in Pietermaritzburg.



Congratulations Graeme, on completing the marathon in just under 10 hours – a long day of digging deep to keep motivating yourself to get to the finish. Graeme brought in +R13 500 for Sizanani.

Thank you, Graeme!



June 16th in South Africa, commemorates a pivotal event that happened in 1976, during the apartheid era. This year's students chose to make and model berets to mark this day in 2019. There was quite a buzz in the training room as students designed, cut and sewed their berets. You can pick up the photos of the day on our facebook page (see information on the letterhead).



In South Africa, on the birthday of the first black president, Nelson Mandela – 18 July – members of the public are encouraged to spend at least 67 minutes of their time helping where they can – schools, non-profit organisations, cleaning up rivers or beaches, etc. This year, delegates from Eskom – South Africa's power company, visited Sizanani to hand over their donation towards sewing machines for the sewing machine fund.



Sizanani is **grateful** for the wonderful volunteers that give of their time to hold interesting and informative workshops for the students. Brenda Scheepers shares her drawing skills with the students



as well as her knowledge as a Fashion Designer, and Madeleine Southey shares her interior decorating knowledge.



We are so **excited** to have partnered with a local clothing company who have employed 2 of our past students (Mandisa and Darly) over the past few years. These ladies are using their pattern making skills there, and gaining new skills that will hold them in good stead for their futures. Another of our students, Nobuhle, has also recently started with a wedding dress business, and we hope to hear of her progress there.



Sizanani **loves** to hear of students who are finding employment as seamstresses, and those who are making a name for themselves working from home. If we can bring the unemployment rate down one person at a time, we are making a difference.



We want to **thank** all those individuals, businesses, Corporates and Trusts who have entrusted funds to Sizanani in 2019, to enable our sewing training to make a difference in people's lives.

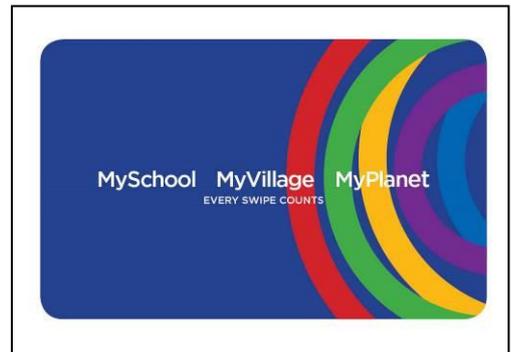
How you can be involved in helping Sizanani with very little effort on your part?

1. Shop at, or donate your unwanted household/office goods to the SOCIAL CAUSE AGENCY'S CHARITY SHOP situated at Paige Place, Bamboo Lane, Pinetown. ***When you donate goods, please tell the staff your donation is for Sizanani***.

2. You can now download the MySchool app onto your phone.

Remember to nominate Sizanani, Academy of sewing and design, as your beneficiary and also link your Woolworths card.

You will find more information on www.myschool.co.za..



3. **LIKE** our Facebook page, Sizanani, Academy of sewing and design, and **SHARE** all the posts that you see about what is happening at Sizanani on a weekly basis. This way Sizanani's information will reach all YOUR Facebook friends.

4. Please consider making a donation to Sizanani's work. You can scan this code and indicate an amount you want to donate. (download **Zapper** from your phone's playstore)



5. On our website www.sizanani-academy.org.za, there is a DONATE button you can click on to make a donation – just follow the PAYFAST link.

Until next time.....

Sharon, Mpume and Lindile