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Dear Friends

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I know I speak for all of us in saying “where has this year gone to!” Can you believe that we are 3 months away from Graduation Day. There still seems so much to do to get the students ready for that, and yet they have already accomplished so much to date, too.

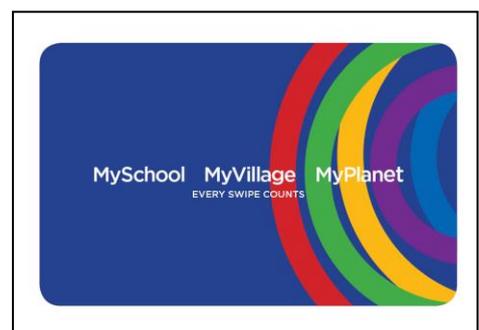
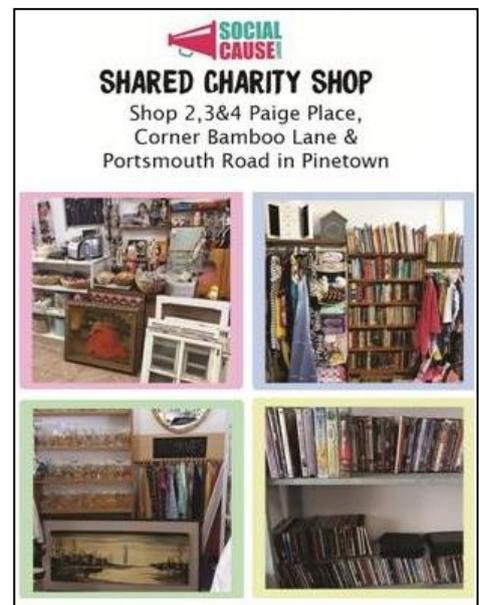
The pictures in this newsletter showcase work completed at the end of Term 2 of 2018. You can see why we are excited for our Fashion Show at the end of the year, when you see these lovely designs after only 2 terms of work.

While the training side of Sizanani continues to be successful, the financial side of Sizanani is currently at a difficult stage, with appeals to organisations for help with bursaries for students, and applications for grants from funding organisations, not yielding much success.



Sizanani is reliant on raising funds to meet its financial needs. We do this through –

1. Fees paid by students.
2. Selling of Sizanani designed Ladies and Men's shirts – both clerical and casual.
3. Selling of your unwanted household goods through the Social Cause Charity Shops in Pinetown (you can take your goods directly to the shops, or leave them with Sizanani).
4. You applying for or updating your details with the My School Card Programme (www.myschool.co.za), and nominating Sizanani, Academy of sewing and design as your beneficiary. Now an App can be downloaded which means you don't have to remember to have the card on you when you shop – it will be on your phone. Every time you shop at Woolworths, Waltons, Engen Convenience Stores and some Fruit and Veg/Food Lover's markets, you





swipe your My School card and a small percentage of your till-slip is donated to your beneficiary (i.e. Sizanani). **THERE IS NO COST TO YOU.**

5. Asking you to join our “Friends of Sizanani” Fund and donating an amount to Sizanani on a regular basis – monthly, 6 monthly or yearly. Your participation in this Fund, allows Sizanani to purchase equipment necessary for sewing i.e. scissors, pins, cottons, unpickers, etc. It also ensures that if there is a need, that we can meet it - i.e. identifying a student who needs help with paying of their fees; helping a student with taxi fare; paying transport fees for a training assistant; covering printing costs for the training notes for students; buying toilet paper!. The needs are varied 😊 Please contact Sharon (details are on the letterhead) for banking details to make regular contributions.

In the meantime, we continue to apply for funding from organisations and from businesses who require BEE points and we pray that all of these endeavours will swell the Sizanani coffers so that we don't have to make the decision to close down. This is a **VERY REAL** outcome if we don't join hands to work together. Come on board, you won't be disappointed!!



We are excited to share about a small group of past students who are going to be doing some sewing work for a Uniform Company in Durban. The company is giving them work to do on small items like aprons, doeks, headscarves, etc. They will collect the work from Sizanani and take it home to complete. We hope that over time, this initiative will be successful, and hopefully more past students can become involved and that possibly there will be other companies that will want to use their services too. Watch this space!

We encourage students to do repairs of clothing too and we can arrange for someone to do this work for you if needed. It is not a nice job (replacing a zip in a pair of pants for instance) but it is something that can earn them an income. Please know that there will be a charge for work like this – it is time consuming and fiddly.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to send us their fabric and haberdashery items that they no longer use. Some lovely items have been made up from your ‘scrap’/donated pieces.

We would like to acknowledge the fabric donations received from Davinscot, Tongaat; Jonsson Workwear and Ubunye Uniforms during 2018. These fabrics are used by students to make up samples and outfits during training.

Until next time..... Sharon and Mpume