

nkonki talk

HOUSING TEAM

Rifilwe Makau was born without legs and she lived in a one room shack in Alexandra with no running water and toilet. She was unable to leave her home in her wheelchair because of the narrow passages that separate the shacks, she had to rely on people to carry her.

Last December Rifilwe's mother decided to send her back home to Polokwane because she could no longer afford to take her to school. In desperation Rifilwe called the Alexander community leader, Mr Twala and asked him to bring her to Alexander. When the Star newspaper published Rifilwe's story, Housing Minister Lindiwe Sisulu, the community and private sector got together and sponsored a house for Rifilwe. Thanks to Nkonki staff members who contributed cash to buy Rifilwe a micro wave oven and Queen Ngcobo donated a set of dishes to ensure that Rifilwe is comfortable at her new home.



Minister Lindiwe Sisulu handing over the sponsored house to Rifilwe Makau



Siphiwe Sithole, Rifilwe Makau and Lulama Madini



Siphiwe Sithole and Director General (NDoH), Itumeleng Kotsoane

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EDITORIAL

The month of April went so fast with lots of holidays and short weeks and winter is upon us. May is a special month because we pay tribute to all the mothers. We would like to wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's day! In general a mother's role is taken lightly, yet it may not be as easy as we think. A mother within a family is an anchor around which all other members and activities within the home revolve. Bringing up children within a family is not only catering for their physical needs, it also involves character molding and grooming of the young adult into a respectable member of the society. Spiritual leadership in the home is often carried out by the mother.

In March we had a wonderful insightful session with Tsakane Matshazi, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Izingwe. Personally I think Tsakane Matshazi's presentation confirmed that we are moving in the right direction, having heard Sindi Zilwa stressing the fact that we are expected to delve deep into the clients business. Some of our posters in the corridors say "Are you comfortable with the deep dives you have made in your clients business?".

Tsakane Matshazi's presentation highlighted that Auditors should act as an important link in business especially in the area of risk management and delivering on the company's strategies. The CFO's need support from auditors with the changing tax laws, and risk management has become a big issue which CFO should keep an eye on. The External Auditors are expected to proactively identify and advise



on technical issues, and have in depth knowledge of the client's business. They must also be frank in engaging with the client about issues that the client needs to be mindful of.

In a nutshell, External Auditors should work hard at being the eyes and ears of their clients. Nomfuyo Galeni having been on the other side of the fence as CFO as well, gave a presentation about important things on client's expectations such as value added services, how to maintain a positive relationship with the client, meeting of deadlines, internal communication, handling of conflict and after sales audit.

Tsakane Matshazi and Nomfuyo Galeni's presentations are available on share drive on path PR & M. It would be advisable to check these presentations so that they can assist you in planning and delivering your services in an efficient and effective manner.

Best Regards

Lindi Dlamini
PR & Marketing Manager

Profile

Kholeka Nemato

Kholeka Nemato is our new External Audit Manager; she joined Nkonki in mid April 2007. Kholeka was born in Ngangelizwe Township in Mthatha. She studied her CIS Diploma and CTA at the University of Natal.

After completing her articles at PricewaterhouseCoopers in East London, Kholeka joined Nkonki for the second time.

Initially Kholeka worked for Nkonki in Mthatha from 1995 to 1996 as Sindi Zilwa's PA. When she decided to further her studies, Nkonki offered her a bursary loan. But what inspired her to follow her career?, Kholeka says "Since high school it has always been my dream to become a Chartered Accountant, due to limited means I had to do short courses towards attaining my dream career. Being in the environment of Accountants and Auditors also inspired me. I got fired up after reading an article on Sindi Zilwa and how she studied and became a Chartered Accountant and yet she was just next to me. I felt it can be possible to be a Chartered Accountant and I started working hard towards that".

According to Kholeka "CTA is quite demanding, you need to make it your number one priority, have your support structure, prepare and plan properly. There are no short cuts you have to work hard and cry all the way and achieve your goal" she says. At some stage Kholeka had to leave her family and study full time at the National School of Accounting in Cape Town.

Kholeka is a mother of two; she is a brilliant, strong willed and hard working woman. She attributes all her success to hard work and having a good relationship with God. "You must find that inner strength and pray, I firmly believe that God has answered my prayers and I have achieved what I have through Him". She says.

Kholeka is inspired by other successful black women, especially Sindi Zilwa who is her mentor. She says "even when Sindi was far away I looked up to her".



NKONKI AND ERNST & YOUNG TEAM

Nkonki invited the Ernst & Young Team for lunch to encourage team work and strengthen relations as both teams are jointly auditing Telkom.



Back: Lindiwe Miti, Mthunzi Dwanya, Rodger Hillen, Andrew Hart, Jignesh Galal, Chris Harito, Simbarashe Mudzengi, Pramit Nathoo, Lufuno Makhuba, Gavin Weinreich

Front: Sifiso Sithebe, Malungelo Jita, Salome Makunike, Nyarai Nyatanga, Myhan Naidoo, Tebogo Selao, Viv Mathys, and Tshilidzi Phundulu

Kneeling: Justin Kettle and Jan van der Nest



From left to right: Andrew Hart, Malungelo Jita, Lindiwe Miti, Sifiso Sithebe, Nyarai Nyatanga, Jignesh Galal, Viv Mathys and Gavin Weinreich



Chris Harito, Rodger Hillen, Andrew Hart and Mthunzi Dwanya



Nyarai Nyatanga, Viv Mathys, Janvan der Nest and Salome Makunike

OUR FIRST BURSARY STUDENT GRADUATES

We are proud to announce that Julius Mojapelo our first bursary student has passed his Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting. Julius comes from a disadvantaged background and Nkonki students' aid has made his dream a reality by assisting him to further his studies.

In 2003 Julius passed his matric with four distinctions, but he could not get a University admission since he did Commercial Mathematics in standard grade even though he got symbol B on it. When the Sowetan newspaper highlighted his plight, Nkonki offered him a bursary. However there were lots of hurdles as Universities could not admit Julius for a BCom in Accounting. The only University willing

to give Julius an opportunity to study BCom in Accounting was the University of Western Cape. Julius has now passed his junior degree on record time, and he is currently doing his honours degree in Accounting.



Welcome

A hearty welcome to the following new staff members:

Kholeka Nemato –
Audit Manager

Thandiwe Fongoqa – Manager,
Intergrated Risk Management

Nadiah Maharaj –
External Audit Manager

Mohammed Essop Jogee –
Assistant Audit Manager

Resignations

Good Bye!

We would like to say good bye to the following staff members and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors:

- Robert Sepheu
- Phindulo Ramufni
- Umshaveni Govender
- Zola Saki
- Lynn Subban
- Themba Gumede

The Graduate Placement Programme roll out for 2007 is as follows:

INSTITUTION	EVENT	DATE
University of Pretoria	Expo	15 May 2007
Wits University	Presentation	4-5 July 2007
Unisa	Expo	24-26 July 2007
University of JHB	Presentation	30 July 2007
UWC	Expo	01 August 2007
UCT	Expo	tbc August 2007
UKZN (Westville)	Expo	tbc August 2007
Rhodes (Grahamstown)	Expo	30 August 2007
NMMU (PE)	Presentation/interviews	10 September 2007

On the lighter side

"Creative ideas flourish best in a shop which preserves some spirit of fun. Nobody is in business for fun, but that does not mean there cannot be fun in business."
Leo Burnett

"Think like a wise man but communicate in the language of the people."
William Butler Yeats