



## Mentors and mentees in their own words



### **Gabriel Assou** (mentor)

*"We broke the ice quite quickly. My mentees were very responsive, sending school marks, happy and thankful for any outing. I think I helped them think broader and be proud of themselves. I also tried my best to help them learn more about SA history and culture, and they also taught me a lot about their culture."*

### **Masekoameng Clement** (Gabriel's mentee)

*"Gabriel has been so great to me from the start. He's been a wonderful teacher, boss, leader and friend. I will always be grateful to him for his support and greatness. Although it would be impossible to count all the ways he helped me through our journey, I thank him so much for all he has done. I only hope I can return the favour sometime in the future. He taught me how to mentor other people. He is not only fantastic at his job, he has also proven himself to be a loving and caring person."*



**Moshodi Karabo** (*mentor*)

*"It was very rewarding seeing someone's life take a turn for the better. She is now a grown, optimistic, confident matriculant."*

**Makgamatho Basetsana** (*Karabo's mentee*)

*"I feel like she is more than just a mentor to me. She is like a sister I never had. Our relationship is cool and amazing. I can say she is a cheerleader and supporter."*



**Marie-Amandine Coydon** (*mentor*)

*"I really enjoy the relationship with my mentees. I learn a lot from them and I believe that I help them to discover and try new things and get a more positive outlook on life. I can see that they draw motivation from this mentorship"*

**Dzova Sipokazi** (Marie-Amandine's mentee)

*"We are like family. I have learnt a lot and experienced a lot, from going out with her. I have seen things that I never saw before. The relationship has helped us to appreciate see other people and respect different cultures."*



**Emiola Abass** (mentor)

*"Very rewarding - watching these teenagers develop into adults and knowing that in a little way, I helped them on that journey, is heartening. I am still in touch with my old mentees as well and being able to bring the two groups together also helps."*

**Luciah Diphofa** (Emiola's mentee)

*"Mentors help us gain confidence and make us aware of the right career choice. I had a really good relationship with my mentor and I think it will last, as she really knows me well and the person I am because of her and the good advice from her"*

**Macy Dube** (Emiola's mentee)

*"My mentor is always available whenever I need help with my school work. She takes my career choices seriously and does not discourage me."*



**Anneline Booysse-Mofokeng (mentor)**

*"My experience as a mentor is always fulfilling and it is great to give back to the community. It is very rewarding to see them grow and develop into strong, confident individuals"*

**Eziphi Mdledle (Anneline's mentee)**

*"I was expecting fun, a lot of outings and financial benefits. I have been amazed, because instead of fun I got edutainment and a lot of educational outings. I have learnt a lot about our culture from my mentor and about the workplace and university life She is like the big sister I've never had. She inspires me a lot and I would like to be like her one day."*

**Hope Chiluba (Anneline's mentee)**

*"Having a mentor is a very great experience especially when your mentor can understand you and give you advice. My mentor is great. We don't talk a lot because we are both busy. But when we get time to contact each other, it is great".*



**Vuyisa Sobayeni (mentor)**

*"The experience was enriching for me. It was great to see the relationship grow with the kids; from hardly having anything to speak about in the beginning to sharing ecstatic laughs. The one thing I did not foresee was how consuming the experience would be."*

**Lonwabo Sodlulashe** (Sobayeni's mentee)

*"He knew what my goal was and how much I want things to happen."*

**Keneilwe Langa** (Sobayeni's mentee)

*"We respect each other, as a father would guide his child. Everything he has said, I have taken into consideration."*

**Ayanda Johnson** (Sobayeni's mentee)

*"He taught me to communicate with people and showed me how to believe in myself. He told me the story of his life and inspired me to do good things in life."*