



## THE DEPENDABLE STRENGTHS FOUNDATION

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### Newsletter – June 30 2008

We ran three courses at Sibonile School for the Blind. The courses included teaching staff, members of the SGB, ground staff, and the child carers. Challenges in these workshops were:

- Some of the participants were blind or partially sighted.
- There were different levels of academic achievement and language skills.
- Type of involvement in the school differed.

We were supported enthusiastically by the principal who herself attended one of the workshops.

Comments from participants. I learned :

- Respect and appreciation of others.
- Teamwork. Knowing myself better.
- Working together is creative. Sharing.

Nine Job Magnet workshops were held for work seekers. 195 participants took part. Workshops were held in Soweto, Alexandra, Tembisa and Emthonjeni.

Comments:

- Dependable Strengths teaches us how to get out of chains that tie us up not to move.
- It's a project that helps you realise your full potential and hidden talents.
- I learned that this really gives you the ability to get a job and you also find out about your talents.

At their annual camp in Magaliesberg, 65 learners from Sacred Heart College went through a one day Discovery course.

Working with such a large group was a learning curve for us, as well as for the participants.

Comments:

- I realised my strengths which will enable me to better myself in the future in terms of a job.
- Clearer view for the future. Confirmed and increased my strengths that I know of.

A successful Job Magnet workshop was held for the matriculants of the Alexandra Education Committee.

Two Discovery courses targeted a completely different market – college professors, business people and the staff from the Diocesan office. One comment from them:

- I think DSAP is a brilliant programme. It helps with changing the attitudes and people's behaviour.

We are grateful to our funders - The New Settlers Foundation and Anglo American Chairman's Fund, Lidonga, Channel Life, and Rosebank Rotary and the donations from Dr Jean Haldane, Seattle USA.

It is a joy to work in the Dependable Strengths Process. In a world where there is so much that is negative, the results of DSA process prove the positive.

Our hope is that we may become financially sustainable. We look for sponsorship for individuals or for courses. CONTACT US.

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