

# MATINYANA BURSARY FUND

Newsletter 2016

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## 1. Vuyo Raymond Matinyana

It's 15 years ago that Vuyo Raymond Matinyana, who started the bursary fund in 1999, passed away. He was born in the township, now called Nelson Mandela Township (Nemato) in Port Alfred, a small coastal town in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. As a talented musician and actor with exceptional social skills, he found his way out of his poverty stricken township and travelled the world to end up in Amsterdam, where hepatitis tragically cut his life short at the age of 32.

He started the bursary fund to help disadvantaged youth from his township to study to escape from poverty. After his death, we renamed the fund after him.

## 2. Students

In 2015 we supported 12 students, six students of whom were studying at FET colleges and six students studying at different universities. For four we had to stop the support due to disappointing results or lack of communication, four continued their studies in 2016.



*Noluthando Nakani graduated*

We are proud to announce that four students graduated:

### **Noluthando Nakani**

Noluthando graduated at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth. She studied Nature Conservation and has been given a contract with Petro SA Nature Reserve as an environmental education intern for a firebreak project in Mossel Bay. During her study she received support from our Matinyana Bursary Fund.

## **Thozama Sonanzi**

Thozama also graduated at NMMU. She received a Diploma in Sports Management.

## **Siphosethu Ngxonono**

Siphosethu finished the nated Financial Management course at Eastcape Midlands College.

## **Zoleka Tyelebana**

Zoleka finished the nated Office Administration course at King Hintsa College.

In 2016 we were able to offer five new students Matinyana bursaries, adding to the four students who we continue to support. With 24 applications, we had great difficulty selecting the five most deserving students.

### **3. Nemato Change a Life**

After the death of Raymond Matinyana, his partner Jan Blom moved from Amsterdam to Nelson Mandela Township (Nemato) in Port Alfred, South Africa. Although it was a move without a plan, but it worked out very well. It was the start of the first competitive township rowing club in South Africa: Nemato Rowing Club. Ten years ago the club was officially launched by the Minister of Sport Stofile.

Confronted by poverty and the lack of hope to escape from it, the rowing club transformed from a sports club to a youth empowerment organisation using sport as one of the tools. Slowly we added elements to the programme to address all major challenges our disadvantaged youth is facing. At this stage we offer training for teachers from local township pre-schools, after-school maths classes, computer and internet access, a feeding programme, life-skills and leadership training, student support, career bridging programme and more. Our youth is running the programmes themselves. We stand for: *success in life - for youth, by youth.*



*trampoline between small office and classroom tent*

To offer more choice in sport, we added three Olympic sports that were not available in the township: gymnastics, handball and fencing. Especially gymnastics, offering tumbling and trampoline, became highly successful. The small club, with just one trampoline standing in our small yard, has become the strongest club in the country, with junior national champions, participants in junior world championships and a fourteen year old gymnast who beat all South African senior top gymnasts to receive the Best National Trampoline Gymnast

Trophy. Five Nemato gymnasts on a handball player are selected this year for international competitions in Namibia, Angola, Cameroon, New Zealand and Germany.

Nemato Change a Life and the Matinyana Fund work close together. We have one office in Nemato. Matinyana Fund students can use our computers and internet. Also activities like visiting open days and registration at colleges and universities are open for Matinyana Fund students.

Attached is the latest quarterly Nemato Change a Life Newsletter. To subscribe to this electronic newsletter, email us at [matinyanafund@gmail.com](mailto:matinyanafund@gmail.com).

#### **4. The role of the Matinyana Fund**

With Nemato Change a Life overtaking the Matinyana Fund in scale, we started wondering: does the Matinyana Fund still has a role to play?

One of the main reasons for youth to get stuck in poverty is the impossibility to find money to study. Even for Nemato Change a Life it's very difficult to find funding to help youth to study. The Matinyana Fund plays a crucial role. Without the fund and its generous donors in the Netherlands, hope for success in life will be cut short and we'll be back to square one, with youth without hope!

The Matinyana Fund plays a fundamental role in giving our impoverished township youth a chance in life! We want to thank all donors for helping to make the change!

#### **5. The challenge of success**

In earlier days, very few youth in Nemato had the dream of becoming a student. For many, poverty simply made it impossible, and a general feeling in the township of 'nothing is possible' killed hopes and dreams of most youth.

The Matinyana Fund has changed many lives. That has not gone unnoticed!

Nemato Change a Life is also changing lives, not only through education, but also through sport. With national champions and youth competing overseas (six international trips are planned in 2016 alone!), mindsets are changing. Nobody can say 'nothing is possible' any more.

As a result, there is a growing number of people of all ages, who don't want to accept their state of poverty any longer. They look for ways forward. Many want to study.

A few years back we received just a hand full of applications per year for bursaries. Now we get requests every week!



*NMMU University Open Day*

This success is creating a challenge. The number of deserving applications has become much larger than the number of students we can help. As you can see in the financial report: our financial reserves have vanished.

Unfortunately we are unable to assist all deserving applicants, but thanks to our donors, we'll still be able to help students. The mindset of *nothing is possible* is gone. Where there is hope, there is a future!

## **6. Our donors**

We have a small group of dedicated donors who make it all happen. We thank all of you! You change the lives of our young people. You change youth with no hope into youth with the future in their hands. We are proud of our students how are making a succes of their lives against all odds, and we are thankful to all donors who gave them this opportunity.

Except for unavoidable banking costs, all donations benefit the students directly.

**Thank you very much for all the donations!!!  
We hope to receive your much needed support again!**

## **7. Contact details**

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### **The board members**

Chairperson	Bunie M Matlanyane Sexwale
Treasurer	Jan Blom

**The Matinyana Fund has ANBI-status. Your donations are tax deductible.**

## 8. Financial report 2015

### Report

	2015	2014
<b>Income</b>		
donations	€ 3,636.20	€ 7,815.13
interest	€ 23.69	€ 0.00
exchange rate profit	€ 156.03	€ -291.24
<b>total</b>	<b>€ 3,815.92</b>	<b>€ 7,523.89</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
bank costs	€ 158.33	€ 190.56
fees	€ 571.50	€ 0.00
stipends	€ 6,642.72	€ 9,222.50
books	€ 0.00	€ 107.24
<b>total</b>	<b>€ 7,372.54</b>	<b>€ 9,520.30</b>
<b>Income - expenses</b>	<b>€ -3,556.62</b>	<b>€ -1,996.41</b>

### Balance

	end 2015	end 2014
<b>Assets</b>		
bank account NL	€ 2,338.05	€ 2,885.55
bank account SA	€ 1,256.17	€ 4,265.29
debtors	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
<b>total</b>	<b>€ 3,594.22</b>	<b>€ 7,150.84</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
creditors	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
capital	€ 3,594.22	€ 7,150.84
<b>total</b>	<b>€ 3,594.22</b>	<b>€ 7,150.84</b>