



Give to NF and help create an opportunity for an unemployed young person to obtain a qualification and secure employment in the Automotive sector (See how below)

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Tribute to Yvonne Lushaba



She had a voice like that of an acoustic bass guitar, she was as warm as the winter sun, a mother to all. Yvonne Lushaba, who started work at the beginning of March 2017 as the Director of NF Apprentices was passionate about the work she did with NF Apprentices and her contribution to the development of youth in our industry will forever be remembered.

Yvonne AKA Mamzo, was a strong woman, she had the heart of a fighter and always wanted to see development not only in the industry but in the individual apprentices as well. She was a hard worker, an eloquent speaker and a soulful material developer. Whenever she conducted interviews, she had the ability to look into a candidate and build him/her from the root, change their mind about their current situation and present to them an opportunity that could transform their life forever.

She was a different leader, a leader that followed and listened to those she was leading. Just like a shepherd, she walked behind her flock and looked out to protect all her apprentices. She served them, laughed with them, sympathised with them and wanted to know them personally.

As a woman, she believed in the abilities of young women in this male dominated world and she has been an example to the young female apprentices in

our industry. She always motivated them to be strong in this highly competitive industry and always reminded them that they could be triumphant in a male dominated industry.

She contributed greatly to the establishment and development of a curriculum for part qualifications in Auto Body Repair Shops. She worked hand in hand with industry professionals to see all unrecognized skills like flatting, polishing, colour matching, masking, stripping and assembling being recognized as qualifications in the automotive industry. Professionalism was her middle name, she was passionate toward transforming the general worker to a professional employee.

Yvonne said things as they were and was always honest about how she felt about things around her. She was the Rose among the thorns, the fearless leader. We will miss her smile, her sense of humour, her wisdom, her fashion taste and lively spirit. Her legacy will forever live in our hearts. May her soul rest in eternal peace.



NF and BASF launch the Spray Painting Apprenticeship



BASF Coating Services (BASF) in collaboration with NF Apprentices (NF) launched a three year, fully funded apprenticeship programme that saw 10 apprentice candidates from all over Johannesburg being orientated for their apprenticeship Journey on the 07th May 2018. These 10 candidates made up of 7 males and 3 females, have received the opportunity to be exposed to practical spray painting techniques and formal studies whilst working to be qualified as Artisans.

The apprentices have been placed in Merseta worksite approved Auto Body Repair Shops (ABRS) around Gauteng and will be monitored by NF monthly, to ensure success in their new career path. They will follow the formal Merseta approved apprentice modules and will write their trade level tests at the Imperial Technical Training Centre at the end of each level. Once they have successfully completed their third level test, they will receive the Spray Painting Qualification. BASF have given the apprentices an opportunity to be a part of a growing industry. They have set the platform by motivating the apprentices at the orientation workshop. The apprentices were each given safety boots, work suits, spray suits and painting masking and many other gifts to help them kick-start their new career path.

Moreover, BASF will be facilitating quarterly 5-day soft skills training sessions at their RCC Centre in Midrand, to prepare them for their trade tests. We are so grateful to BASF for their contribution to learning and development in this country; we believe that the candidates will one-day give back to BASF and the motor industry in general. NF Apprentices commits to support these future artisans with guidance and programmes that will assist them in achieving their end goal.

How can you make a difference?

NF is a non-profit organisation and is therefore dependant on funding from foundations, body shops and partners in the industry.

You can:

1. Make a donation

Make a Socio-Economic Development (SED) donation to NF Apprentices, a registered Non-Profit Company and earn BBBEE points. Contact us on (011) 312 8479 for more information

2. Sponsor an Individual Apprentice

Sponsor individual apprentices recruited and placed by NF Apprentices at one of our qualified partner repair shops. This is a great investment that will ensure a young person is given an opportunity at a brighter future.

3. Become an NF Partner Shop

Repair Shops are invited to sign up with NF Apprentices. In order to qualify as an NF Partner Shop, a shop needs to be Merseta Workplace Approved and have at least one qualified Spray Painter and Auto Body Repairer. Partner Shops will be required to contribute towards the apprentice's training needs as per Merseta requirements.

We also work closely with mentors, workshop managers and support staff to ensure the proper facilitation of the apprenticeship programme.

To enquire about getting involved, contact us today on info@nf.org.za, or call us on (011) 312 8479. You can also visit our website on www.nf.org.za for more information.

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