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car parts manufacturing company that is owned by a black woman is on the road to success, despite only starting operations less than two years ago.

Aphelele Plastics makes car suspension bushings and washers – which are supplied to companies that deal in Volkswagens, BMWs and Audis; trolley tyres and newspaper cutting sticks.

Owner Nobuhle Gwala (53) says they make the products from polyurethane plastic material. "The polyurethane bushings and balls are used in a car's gearbox and for the mounting of a car's engine.

"We also make rubber newspaper cutting sticks, which are used by newspaper printing companies to separate the different newspapers as they come off the conveyor belt," she says.

Aphelele Plastics, which was started in February 2019, currently produces around 100 bushings a day but that is set to double as Gwala's company has received specialist manufacturing machinery and a bakkie through a government empowerment programme.

Speaking at the launch of KwaZulu-Natal's Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs' (DEDTEA) Operation Vula Fund, MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube said: "We are handing over bakkies, bakery equipment, catering equipment, animal feed and other machinery to 12 emerging en

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Elamanqamu kumatikuletsheni wangonyaka wezi-2020

kilasi likamatikuletsheni wangonyaka wezi-2020 seliqalile ngezivivinyo zalo zeSitifiketi sikaMatikuletsheni Sikazwelonke. Sebekuvuthondaba lweminyaka eyishuminambili yokufunda kanye nonyaka wokugcina obuhlungu wokuzilungiselela. Kwabaningi lona ngumzuzu othokozisayo, kodwa futhi ogcwele uvalo.

Izivivinyo zakulo nyaka zizobhalwa ngaphansi kwezimo esingakaze sizibone phambilini. Sikhungathwe ubhubhane emhlabeni wonke. Ukuvalwa kwezwe lonke esakubeka ngoNdasa ukuze sibambezele ukubhebhetheka kwegciwane le-corona kwadala ukuthikamezeka okukhulu kwempilo yansuku zonke futhi kwalahleka namahora abalulekile okufunda nawezifundo.

Ukuhlelela lokhu kuthikamezeka izivivinyo zangoNhlangulana zeSitifiketi sikaMatikuletsheni zahlehliswa futhi manje sezizobhalwa kanye nezivivinyo zikaZwelonke zeSitifiketi sikaMatikuletsheni. Bangaphezu kwesigidi abafundi abalindeleke ukuba bazobhala izivivinyo zikamatikuletsheni zonyaka wezi-2020 eziqale kamuva nje.

Lokhu kwenza ukuthi lezi zivivinyo kube ngezinkulu kakhulu esezake zaba khona eNingizimu Afrika.

Iminyango yeMfundo Eyisisekelo ezifundazweni nakuzwelonke kumele ihalaliselwe ngamalungiselelo ayo amahle kakhulu ukuqinisekisa ukuthi izinto zihamba kahle. Lokhu kubandakanya ukuhlolisiswa okuzimele nokomphakathi kwezikhungo zokubhalela



izivivinyo, ukuthola ezinye izindawo ezizothatha inani elikhulu labafundi ababhalayo, kanye nokusungulwa kwezinqubo zokuqinisekisa ukulandelwa kwemithethonqubo ye-COVID-19 ngabafundi ababhalayo kanye nezi-

Ikilasi Likamatikuletsheni langowezi-2020 libekezelele izimo abangaphambi kwabo abangazange babhekana nazo. Kufanele ukuthi basebenzise isikhathi esikhona hhayi nje ukuqedela izifundo kodwa ukuthola amahora okufunda abalahlekele. Yize abanye bakwazi ukufinyelela ezinkundle ni zokufunda nge-inthanethi nangezinye izinsizakutunda, abaningi kwakunzima ukufinyelela kwizinsizakufunda nezinsizakufundisa.

Babekezelela ubunzima ngokwengqondo ngenxa yokuhlala ngawedwana ngokwenhlalo, futhi izinyanga eziningi bebeqhelelene nabangani nothisha babo. Bebengakwazi ukuba yingxenye yezemidlalo, imidlalo yokungcebeleka nokuzithokozisa ebalulekile empilweni ekahle futhi ephumuza ingqondo emva kokufunda isikhathi eside.

Okwamanje, yize benezingqinamba ezibhekene nabo, abafundi bethu bazimisele kuze kube manje ngalezi zivivinyo eziyingqophamlando yokufunda kwabo.

Bekunzima ngokulinganayo nakothisha bethu. Ngaphandle kobungozi obulethwe yigciwane nezinselele zezinsizakufundisa ezikolweni zethu, iningi lothisha bethu balisabelela ikhwela lokubuyela esikoleni ukuyohlenga osekusele onyakeni wezifundo.

Basebenza zinsuku zonke ukuze beseke abafundi bethu bakamatikuletsheni. Basebenza amahora engeziwe ukuze basize abafundi bethu bafinyelele ekugcineni, besebenzisa izinsizakufundisa lezo abanazo ukuqinisekisa ukuthi ukufunda kuyaqhubeka.

NgibethuleIa isigqoko othisha bethu abebelokhu bekhona ukusiza abafundi babo ngesikhathi bebadinga kakhulu. Banikezele ngokukhulu, ngokwabo siqu sabo nangokomsebenzi wabo. Babeka abafundi bethu phambili futhi ngokwenza njalo

kuyaqinisekisa futhi ukuthi othisha bethu bangabanye babasebenzi bakahulumeni bekhethelo.

Lolu bhubhane lwenze ukuthi isizwe sakithi sibumbane ngezindlela ezingakaze zibonwe ngaphambilini, futhi lokhu kubonakale kumalungiselelo ezivivinyo zikamatikuletsheni. Amabhizinisi amaningi abambe iqhaza lokwesekela, asiza ngokuhlinzeka ngobuchwepheshe obufana nama-tablets ezikolweni futhi asiza ngezinsizakufunda zobuchwepheshe obuhlukahlukene ezikoleni.

Abasebenza ngokuxhumana komakhalekhukhwini basungula izinkundla zokufunda nge-inthanethi ngesikhathi sokuvalwa kwezwe eziqukethe ukufunda kwamahhala, kubandakanya nokuqukethwe izifundo zikamatikuletsheni.

Abaphothule iziqu zasenyuvesi bahlela izinkundla zokufundisa nge-inthanethi, lokhu kwenza ukuthi ukwesekwa kokufunda okwengeziwe okudingekayo kutholakale mahhala.

INhlangano yezokusakaza eNingizimu Afrika i-SABC kanye nabanye abahlinzeki bezokusakaza bukhoma ngomabonakude ama-TV babe nezifundo zokuvala isikhathi esilahlekile zabafundi bakamatikuletsheni ngoHlelo loMnyango Wezemfundo Eyisisekelo lwe-Woza Matrics, ukuze abafundi balungiselele izivivinyo.

Kunendaba ethokozisayo yesikole i-Dendron Secondary School eLimpopo, lapho iqembu lothisha abazinikele bavulela abafundi babo amakhaya abo. Ngezinsuku zokuqala zokuvalwa kwezwe, bahlinzeka ngokudla nangendawo yokuhlala kumaqenjana abafundi, futhi babagada ngesikhathi befunda.

Akungabazeki ukuthi zikhona izindaba ezinjengalezi kwezinye izingxenye zezwe lakithi; zothisha abasungule amagembu afundela emakhaya abo nabafundi babo kanye nabazali abahlinzeka ngokudla, indawo yokufunda kanye nezinye izinsizakufunda kubangani babantwana babo.

Ngaphandle kokwesekelwa ngabazali, imindeni kanye nomphakathi, indlela yabantu ba kithi abasha eya ezivivinyweni zikamatikuletsheni beyizobanzima kakhulu. Siyababonga kakhulu ngokusekela kwabo. Ngaphezu kwezinselele ezilethwe yilo nyaka, ngicela iKilasi likamatikuletsheni langowezi-2020 ukuthi lilande sonke isibindi namandla alo asesele, elamanqamu.

Kwikilasi likamatikuletsheni langowezi-2020, nginifisela okuhle.

Niphume ebunzimeni obekungalinga ngisho izixazululo zabantu abadala asebedlule kokuningi nabaqinile.

Kule minyaka yenu yobudala, kuningi okubhekwe kunina. Kunengcindezi yokufunda kanzima, ingcindezi yokuphumelela ngamalengiso nokuthola imiphumela eniyidingayo ukuqhubeka nezifundo. Kodwa nihambe naze nafika lapha.

Uma ningena egumbini lokubhala izivivinyo ezinsukwini ezizayo, nizobe ningaphethe nje amathemba enu empumelelo nalawo wemindeni yenu. Nizobe niphethe namathemba ethu, abantu baseNingizimu Afrika.

Siyazigqaja ngani futhi sinifisela inhlanhla.

UDLAME OLUBHEKISWE

Amalungelo Wabantu Abangama-LGBTI Avikelekile



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onke umuntu waseNingizimu Afrika unelungelo lokuphila emphakathini lapho ezizwa ephephile futhi evikelekile khona. Lokhu kubandakanya abantu abathandana nobulili obufanayo, oNcumbili, Abashintshe ubulili abazalwe nabo i-Transgender, kanye

nabazibona besemzimbeni wobunye ubulili i-*Intersex* (i-LGBTI).

Abantu abangena ngaphansi komphakathi we-LGBTI, esikhathini esedlulile babe yizisulu zodlame ngenxa yokuzikhethela ubulili abafuna ukubuphila.

Ubugebengu obubhekiswe kumphakathi we-LGBTI sebuholele ekutheni kwakhiwe amabhodi omthetho amaningi kanye namabhodi azimele ngenhloso yokuvikela amalungelo abantu abangena ngaphansi kwe-LGBTI.

Esinye sezikhungo ezakhiwe ukuvikela kanye nokuthotshelwa kwamalungelo omphakathi we-LGBTI Ithimba Lomthetho Likazwelonke (i-NTT) elibhekelele Udlame Oluhambisana Nocansi Nobulili olubhekiswe kubantu be-LGBTI.

I-NTT iyibhodi elasungulwa nguMnyango Wezobulungiswa kanye Nokuthuthukiswa Komthethosisekelo (i-DoJCD) ngokusebenzisana neKhomishana Yokulingana Ngokobulili eNingizimu Afrika; ngokunjalo namagembu amalungelo e-LGBTI afana ne-Gay & Lesbian Memory in Action (i-GALA); i-OUT LGBT Well-Being (OUT); kanye ne-Foundation for Human Rights (i-FHR) kanye nabanye ababambiqhaza.

Njengengxenye yomsebenzi wayo i-NTT ngokusebenza nabethimba eliphendula ngokushesha (i-RRT) iqopha, iqaphe iphinde isheshise amacala obugebengu benzondo ngohlelo lwezobulungiswa. I-RRT yakhiwe yi-DoJCD, uPhiko Lwezokushushisa Lukazwelonke (i-NPA) kanye noMbutho Wamaphoyisa aseNingizimu Afrika (i-SAPS) nabamele izinhlangano zomphakathi.

Inhloso ye-RRT ukuthi ibheke lawo macala asalindisiwe kanye nalawo macala asebikiwe ohlelweni lobulungiswa lapho ubugebengu bamacala enzondo enziwe kubantu be-LGBTI.

Lokhu kwenziwa ukuze kuqinisekiswe ukuthi amacala obugebengu benzondo abikiwe kanye nalawo asalindisiwe akwazi ukuthi abhekwe futhi aphothulwe ngesikhathi esifanele. I-RRT iphinde iqoqe imininingwane emacaleni obugebengu benzondo abikiwe. Lemi niningwane ibandakanya amagama aphelele esisulu, imininingwane ephelele yeselelesi, usuku okwenziwa ngalo lobu bugebengu ngokunjalo nokuthi benzeka nini kanye nokuthi babikwa kuphi.

Inkantolo kanye nenombolo yecala, amaqiniso afingqiwe ecala, isimo secala, imiphumela yecala, imininingwane yokugwetshwa uma kukhona ukulahlwa yicala kuyingxenye yolwazi olutholakalayo kwi-RRT.

Lolu lwazi niluthunyelelwa nguMnyango Wezobulungiswa kanye Nokuthuthukiswa Komthethosisekelo

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ukuze uthole lapho kuzinze khona amahhovisi esifundazweni. Noma, shayela i-DoJCD kule nombolo ethi: 012 357 8107 uma udinga usizo ngezindaba ezihlobene ne-LGBTI kanye nobulungiswa.

Community kitchen brings hope to Tholeni

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rural community has turned its painful past into an opportunity to feed and grow its people, after being thrown into darkness by a serial killer.

The Phumalanga Nutrition and Development Project, which operates from the Tholeni White Door Centre of Hope in Tholeni Village in the Eastern Cape, feeds 120 elderly people living with disabilities and orphaned children.

The centre was started as a community kitchen in 2013, after convicted serial killer Bulelani Mabhayi raped and killed over 20 women and children in the village.

A beneficiary of the Phumalanga Nutrition and DeMembers of the Phumalanga Nutrition and Development non-governmental organisation serve meals to the community of Tholeni village in Butterworth, Eastern Cape.

velopment Project, Notheko Mabayi (70), says the village's women started the project due to the impact of poverty in the village. Community members donated R20 per household for food and equipment.

"The families in our community had lost breadwinners and children were left orphaned by the killings.

After seeing the devastation, we decided to help those less fortunate by starting a food drive," Mabayi says.

When the project was up and running, the Department of Social Development took over the funding of the project, supplying food, cutlery, tables and stoves.

Mabayi says the meals are also helping to curb crime among the youth, as they now have something to eat. "In the past, we had a serious issue of theft, but this has decreased since the programme started."

The meals community members receive are nutritious, containing vegetables, starch and protein, and Mabayi is able to feed herself and her granddaughter. "Tonight, I will not have to cook supper. We will have

enough food from the meal that I collect from the centre," she says.

The non-governmental organisation's deputy chairperson Witness Madondo says the kitchen aims to foster a united community that looks after each other. "The idea was to have a place where the elderly in our community can be looked after and be safe and productive."

Madondo explains that the village's elders also use the centre to participate in skills development and recreational activities, including playing soccer and participating in athletics competitions.

"Our athletics team represented our municipality at the provincial athletics tournament for the elderly