

Tyger Burger Press Release

Usapho Foundation Career Day – 06 June 2015

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Usapho Foundation was established and registered in the Western Cape, in 2013 as a non-profit organization (NPO 121-474) to empower families through specific preventative and developmental intervention programs.

Currently presenting a Nedbank Foundation sponsored Teen Parenting and Life Skills program at Hector Petersen High School in Wallacedene, Kraaifontein, it became evident that many of the students are in dire need of assistance in acquiring information pertaining to their various career choices and prospects.

It was with this in mind, that Usapho, along with the assistance and passionate support of the Principal, Mr Denzyl Witbooi, and the Grade 12 Level Head Mr Matshaya, facilitated a career day which would further the organisation's mission and provide the beneficiaries of the program with the opportunity to be informed of their options for the future.

The Career Day was held on 06 June 2015, from 09h00am till 11h30am, at Hector Petersen Secondary School, which included exhibitions and talks from various professions and presenters including Nursing, Social Work, technical professionals and law enforcement.

The aim of this day was to provide the learners with the correct knowledge and input into how to realise their dreams, allow them to make informed decisions regarding their future and perhaps even open doors they may not have known were accessible.

The support from learners and exhibitors alike was tremendous and the expectations for the day was both met and exceeded. And through their meticulous planning and organisational skills, Mr Witbooi and Mr Matshaya ensured that every student was allowed the chance to participate, and even that the event was deliciously catered for by the school.

Students were given the opportunity to attend sessions presented by representatives of various professions, and were enlightened as to the needs and requirements, as well as benefits of each. From the response of learners it is clear that the ability to decide what career to follow will hopefully make them much more focused towards their personal goals and possibly improve academic performance.

This provided much needed clarity for some and new ventures for others, and is a project that Usapho would like to undertake annually, however as a NPO, funding and support is always desperately needed.

If any further information is required with regards to the Career Day or other services that Usapho Foundation provides, please do not hesitate to contact the Managing Director, Elize Hendricks on 021 982 6036 / 073 048 4823.