

THE EPWORTH FOUNDATION

A FIRST REPORT



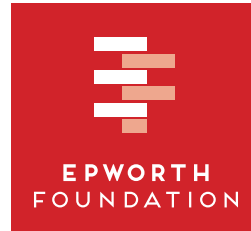
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Let your light shine

(The shell is symbolic in Christianity, reminiscent of the medieval pilgrim's need for sustenance whilst on the Camino de St Iago, where few dwellers en route could not afford to offer a scallop-filled shell of food to a passing traveller in need.)



'If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.'

(Margaret Fuller)

The Epworth Foundation supports broadening the base of access to world-class education in South Africa, based on merit not means.



EPWORTH INTO THE FUTURE



Founded in 1898,
Epworth is a
pioneer of equal
education in South
African schools.

Help us empower Young Women of Worth

Epworth School, based in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, is renowned for its world-class education of young hearts and minds for over 120 years.

In keeping with our school's mission 'to free the potential in individuals to become **relevant, resilient and ethical leaders** who contribute to our ever-changing world', the Epworth Foundation's purpose is twofold:

- to promote sponsored educational opportunities for talented and deserving Young Women of Worth through our bursary fund
- to assure the long-term sustainability of this well-established, world-class educational institution

What do we need to achieve this?

We need the support of people who believe, as we do, that quality education is 'the great engine of personal development' (Nelson Mandela) and is South Africa's MAIN HOPE for a prosperous future.

If this resonates with YOU, we invite you to join us today as a Friend of the Foundation and become "someone who provides someone with HOPE for a better tomorrow".

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Busisiwe Mabuza
Class of 1981
IDC Chairman



Noluthando Nzimande
Class of 2012
United Nations Intern



Suzy Brokensha
Class of 1981
Fairlady Editor



Thando Mthembu
Class of 2007
Architect



Thandeka Gqubule
Class of 1983
SABC Economics Editor

Meet a few Women of Worth past girls

One young Epworthian achiever is Thando Mthembu. Born in Hammarsdale, KwaZulu-Natal in 1989, Thando's pastor father and social worker mother always dreamt of their daughters attending Epworth.

Their dream came true through Epworth's renowned bursary programme and soon Thando was an accomplished matriculant, en route to the prestigious University of Cape Town...and then a twist in her journey. Thando fell pregnant and had to return, but soon this trailblazer was off to the University of the Witwatersrand for postgraduate studies, and was subsequently awarded a scholarship for a Master of Science in Urban Architectural Planning at Oxford Brookes in the United Kingdom.

Back home in 2017, Thando was named one of the Mail & Guardian's annual '200 Young South Africans', testament to a life forever changed by an Epworth education.

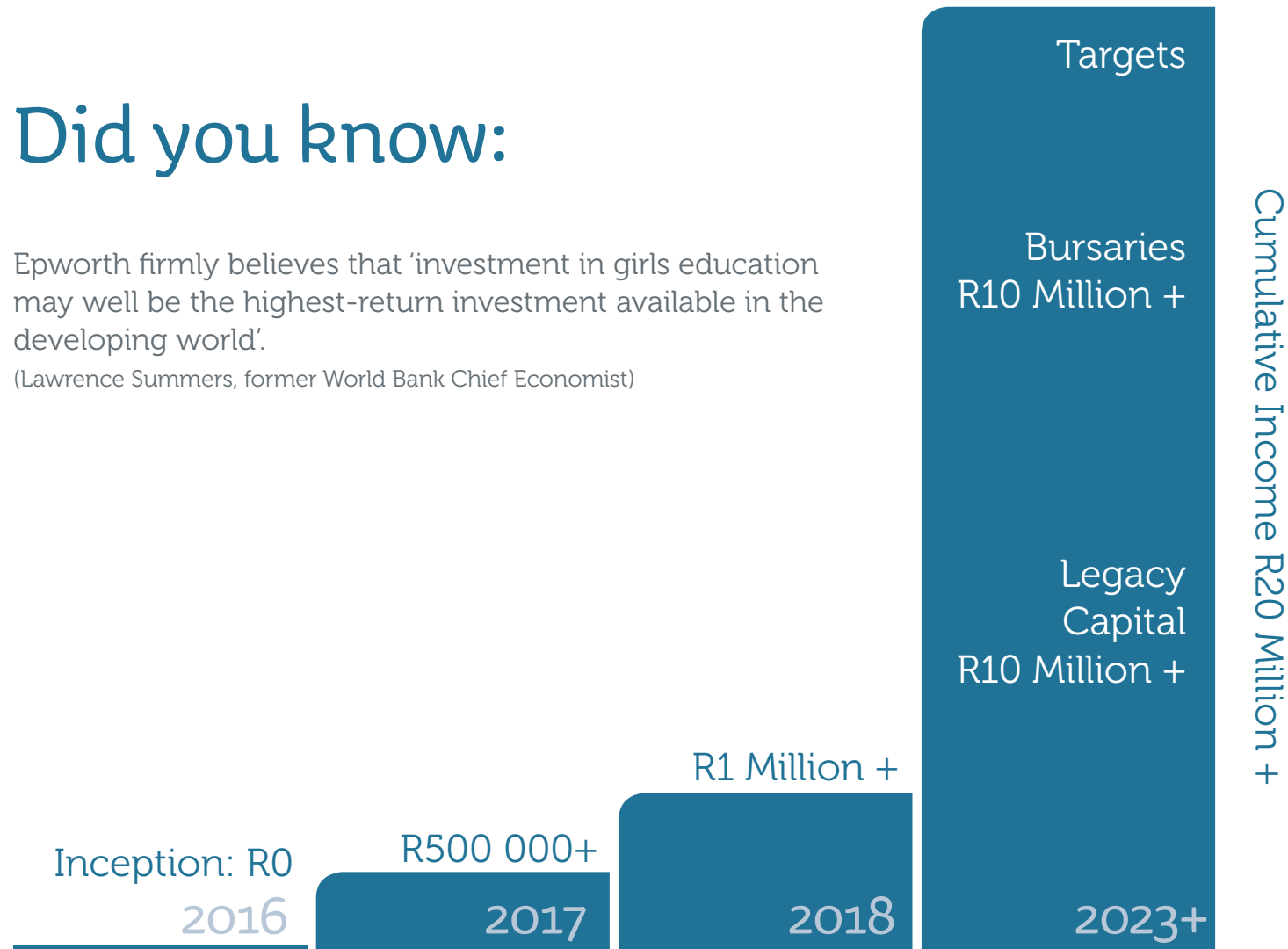
'The beautiful thing
about learning is
that no one can
take it away from
you' (B.B. King)



Did you know:

Epworth firmly believes that 'investment in girls education may well be the highest-return investment available in the developing world'.

(Lawrence Summers, former World Bank Chief Economist)



Noting:

- Donor-driven requests with the Foundation's formative financial policy document seek to secure a set percentage of all funds raised to be entrusted as capital, with the balance invested directly into the lives of young financially-disadvantaged girl leaders
- The Foundation office's operational costs are borne by the school



A distinctive bursary programme

What makes our Young Women of Worth bursary programme **competitive and distinctive?**

- ~ We proactively select and identify financially-disadvantaged young girl leaders from under-resourced areas
- ~ We offer an empirical application process that uniquely positions these beneficiaries to succeed
- ~ Our mentorship programme boasts the expertise of highly qualified staff together with external professionals in the field of psycho-social support.
- ~ Our financial plan is structured to develop over the next five to nine years to take fundraising through capital growth to philanthropy.



‘Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a family. whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one’

(Jane Howard)

Our FOUNDATION is a FUN-RAISING, FRIEND-RAISING and FUND-RAISING clan, network, family of people who work together, believing Helen Keller’s assertion that ‘Alone you can do so little; together we can do so much’

Join us to ‘BE THE CHANGE’ in Africa’s brighter future through broader access to world-class education.



DID YOU KNOW

Being 'woke' to transformation has been at the heart of Epworth, a Christian school of Methodist ethos, since it began in 1898. Courageously in 1978 'we saw an opportunity of contributing to the emergence of a united South Africa and rose to the occasion' (the late Prof Vic Bredenkamp, Chairman of the Epworth Board of Governors) by including all races in full defiance of the apartheid laws.

Since 2012, the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation has walked a proud partnership with Epworth School to provide quality education to high school girls of disadvantaged backgrounds. To date, 16 pupils have been enrolled at Epworth High School through this partnership and, by the end of 2018, eight pupils successfully matriculated from Epworth High School. This year, the Epworth Foundation's Trust has donated significantly to the School for bursaries under the Allan Gray partnership, to offset the use of Epworth school fees thus benefitting the entire Epworth School community.



As Foundation Director, and a passionate past girl, may I thank you for taking the time to read this report and thank all who have given so generously in time, talent or through financial gifts and sponsorships. You have
~ looked at Epworth's legacy of leadership over 120 years and
~ gifted towards our goal of more girl leaders. THANK YOU!

This year, may I appeal for your first-time or continued support of EPWORTH through the Epworth Foundation, for your support of our world-class educational offering and of our beloved continent ~ AFRICA!

Ingrid Roberts

(nee Bredenkamp, Class of 1980)
FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

‘In Africa there is a concept known as ‘ubuntu’ – the profound sense that we are human only through the humanity of others; that if we are to accomplish anything in this world it will in equal measure be due to the work and achievement of others’

(Nelson Mandela)

The Epworth Foundation wholeheartedly thanks everyone who has given so generously in whatever way!

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