

## DEAR SPONSOR

I am **Vio-nett van Rensburg**, a 4th year student at Varsity College in Port Elizabeth. I am studying a Bachelor of Education in the Foundation Phase (BEF4), which is a four-year course.

This year has gone by so quickly. Just the other day, I felt so anxious not knowing what the year would hold for me. Especially after previous final year students said that 4<sup>th</sup> year is such a difficult year. From my own experience, I can tell that the workload was insane especially in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. If I could give other students advice, I would definitely stress the importance of attending each and every class to avoid falling behind with work. My four years at Varsity College have been transformative, both academically and personally. Coming in, I knew I was ready to learn, but I didn't expect my path would be filled with so many experiences and challenges that would shape my journey. Having this kind of support from my sponsors, has been instrumental to my growth as an educator and a person. Beyond academics, these four years have also allowed me to develop essential life skills. From managing time and balancing responsibilities to working effectively in diverse teams, each experience has prepared me for the professional world. In addition, the friendships and connections I've built with peers from varied backgrounds have enriched my college life and broadened my perspectives. Reflecting on these years, I feel grateful and well-prepared for the next chapter, knowing I'm leaving with both a solid foundation in my field and the personal growth to help me succeed in the future.

As I approach the final stages of my studies at Varsity College, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your remarkable support throughout my academic journey. Your unwavering financial assistance and encouragement have been instrumental in enabling me to focus on my studies and accomplish my goals without distraction. I am deeply appreciative of your commitment to supporting students like me, who are dedicated to furthering their education and contributing to their communities. I realize that none of this would have been possible if it wasn't for the Born in Africa team. Your kindness has given me not only the opportunity to pursue my degree in Education but has also instilled in me a profound sense of confidence and motivation. As I prepare to graduate and take my first steps into the professional world, I am committed to using the knowledge and skills I have acquired to make a meaningful contribution to my community. Your support has not only helped me reach this milestone but has inspired me to someday give back and support others in the same way. A special thanks to Isabella, my godparents and my wonderful mentor, Belinda. Thank you very much!

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