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The Epworth Foundation Shining the Light

We, at the Epworth Foundation, welcome you to our second newsletter of 2020 with a Brené Brown quotation relevant to all of us seeking a way forward to a better post-COVID world.



As our community, continent and world have been taken to task by the COVID pandemic and more recently, the #BlackLivesMatter global movement, we are faced with a stark choice:

We can choose to feel overcome and defensive or we can choose to lean in to that uncomfortable place of vulnerability and rely on courage to slowly but surely lead us together towards a better world.

Epworth School in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal shines its 'JOYFUL LIGHT' through quality education (UN Sustainable Goals 2017, goal number 4). We have not always got it right, and we know we still have a long journey ahead to true transformation, but through our 122 years of successes and challenges, we have always endeavoured to be real and resilient.

We invite you to enjoy this newsletter in which three of our past girls 'shine' as testament to Epworth's Women of Worth educational and leadership offering.

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Susan Keyworth (nee Pettit, Head Girl - Class of 1970)

Celebrating 50 years since she matriculated, Epworthian Susan Keyworth shares her memories of her time at the School.

She highlights the pivotal role women now play as the change in leadership progresses at Epworth. She says, "I love my school because it has made such a difference in so many people's lives...it is the kind of school that our country is needing in terms of producing and allowing the development of young women of worth to be able to go out with skills, values, abilities and self-belief to make a difference in society."

Listen to Susan's story: <https://bit.ly/3iaFOre>



Thandolwenkosi Mthembu (Class of 2007)

Thandolwenkosi Mthembu is a young and high-flying Epworthian who has already made great strides in her career. With Epworth School as the foundation of her education, she has grown to become a leader in her own right.

Listen to Thando's journey <https://bit.ly/3euLtGJ>



Jessica Miranda (Class of 2012)

We hear from a remarkable woman of worth who expresses her deep belief in the power of quality education.

Jessica Miranda, past girl and post-graduate student based in the Netherlands, shares her story on the importance of educating girls and the tradition-rich culture that Epworth School offers.

Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic rages against all that once stood firm, the Epworth Foundation believes the need for the distinctive and holistic education and campus experience Epworth School offers will become even greater.

Listen to Jessica's story: <https://bit.ly/3kx6cj>