

LIFELINE & RAPECRISIS PMB PROJECT UPDATE AUGUST 2005

Dear Trade plus Aid

I have long wanted to mail you about what happened with "your" 4 counsellors, but are still struggling to get time to do everything that ought to be done. Anyway. I thought you would be interested to know how the 4 young women that you gave a chance to make a living just over 2 years ago are doing.

After a lot of uncertainty about how we would find funds to pay them, it was decided by the LifeLine Board to offer them permanent employment from March 1st 2005. That entitles them to medical aid and a pension. They were all delighted. We are now in the process of promoting 3 of them.

Philile has been running our training (for LifeLine) since May this year. The training section are now very busy and it is one of the ways LifeLine raises funds locally.

Busi is in the process of being trained to fundraise, and as Rape Crisis is getting busier and busier, she will be assisting me for the rest of the year.

Nontobeko has been running one of our outreach programmes while our social worker has been on maternity leave, and she will shortly take over the supervision of our new rape crisis counsellors in the Centecow/Ixopo area. I will of course still be there helping out if needed.

Nonkululeko is so highly valued at the Crisis Centre, that we would be in serious trouble if we attempted to take her away from there, and counselling is really her strength.

I personally feel a bit sad about losing "my" staff, but also quite proud of how well they have done.

Yours sincerely

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