

PRESS RELEASE - INTRODUCING SHINE

Susan's Hub for Innovation, Nurturing and Empowerment

A new skills development initiative for women and girls launches in Cape Town, South Africa. Bee Solutions and Consultancy Services is proud to announce the launch of SHINE (Susan's Hub for Innovation, Nurturing and Empowerment), a community-based skills development centre dedicated to empowering young women and girls through sewing, creativity, and entrepreneurship.

SHINE is funded by the friends and family of the late Susan Kristoferson through the Diamond Valley Sustainable Living Centre in Canada, honouring Susan's lifelong passion for women's empowerment and sustainable community upliftment.

A Legacy of Compassion and Purpose

The initiative was inspired by Susan's impactful work through the Days for Girls (DFG) movement. Her selflessness, wisdom, and patience left a lasting mark on many—particularly in South Africa, where she supported the distribution of reusable sanitary pads to girls in Rawsonville in the Western Cape.

“Although I knew Susan for a short time, she profoundly transformed my thinking,” says project lead Prof. Beatrice Opeolu. “Her compassion, humility, and guidance shaped my understanding of community service. SHINE is our way of honouring her legacy and continuing the work she cared so deeply about

About the SHINE Centre

The Cape Town centre will be the first of several planned hubs across Africa, including Nigeria, Kenya, Cameroon, and Zimbabwe.



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The centre aims to:

- Equip women and girls with sewing and entrepreneurial skills
- Build confidence, independence, and community leadership
- Create pathways out of poverty and socio-economic vulnerability
- Support young women to break cycles of gender-based violence and economic dependency

Call for Volunteers and Trainees

SHINE is currently recruiting:

- Volunteer sewing instructors and mentors (Cape Town residents preferred)
- Women and girls aged 16+ who wish to learn sewing and build sustainable livelihoods

Partner With Us

We invite NGOs, community organisations, churches, schools, corporate social investment (CSI) units, and women empowerment programmes to partner with us.

Partnerships can include:

- Skill-sharing and mentorship
- Material donations (fabric, machines, tools)
- Sponsorship of trainees
- Entrepreneurship and business development support
- Space, logistics, or outreach assistance

For partnerships, volunteer opportunities, or programme enquiries, please contact:

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