



Infinite Family 2025 Impact Report

Preparing Teens to Succeed in School, Work, and Life

IMPACT IN 2025

155 Teens strengthened weekly in **3** marginalized communities; **780** indirect beneficiaries

Matric results: **9 Bachelor's**, **4 Diploma**, **1 Rewrite**, and **1 Alternative Education**

6,352 Mentoring Sessions

4,730 Teen-initiated activities to build English, education, and employment skills

3,232 Hours of homework, research, and skills development

CUMULATIVE IMPACT

1,343 Teens strengthened, **52%** mentored >3 mos. in **8** marginalized communities

53,400 Mentoring sessions

570 Mentors provided support from **22 Countries** and **40 US States**

2.5 Years – Average length of mentorship; many relationships last a decade or more

Matric Results	Infinite Family	South Africa	Difference
Qualified for Advanced Education	97%	76%	21%
Qualified for University Studies	87%	60%	27%

IN OUR NET BUDDIES' WORDS



When our Net Buddy, Nkosinathi,* first joined Infinite Family in 2021 at age 13, she described the mentorship experience as “good,” though added with a chuckle that her mentor “was a bit strict.”

But by mid-2023, things began to unravel and her participation started to falter. Despite counselling so our team could understand the issues, she continued to miss sessions without explanation and dropped out.

While her parents were deeply concerned about her decision — fearing she'd end up in the streets — she decided to leave the program “to play rugby.” But a year later, something shifted. Nkosinathi realized that she'd missed Infinite Family, and being at the LaunchPad with her peers, and made the decision to return.

Matched with a new Video Mentor, she completed a period of probation and now has clear aspirations to pursue a career in digital marketing, then save money to start her own venture and create jobs for other young people.

Her gratitude to Infinite Family runs deep and she's already planning how to give back after the support she received during her turbulent teen years, declaring that she will “donate 5 cattle to Infinite Family because we are a very big family.”

The transformation in Nkosinathi's thinking comes, she believes, from having a mentor in her life. “I don't know what happens in our brains as teenagers, but once you have a mentor, your way of thinking changes for the better.” Today she values having someone who can provide “a safe space to open up about anything that's happening,” because she knows the conversation will lead to solutions.

Recently, when Infinite Family hosted visitors at the site, Nkosinathi stepped up in an unexpected way. She volunteered to deliver a

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Infinite Family's 3 R's: Resilience, Resourcefulness, and Responsibility



Net Buddy Story continued

motivational speech about peer pressure and the importance of good decision-making for young people. She acknowledges that teenagers are capable of making bad decisions and can learn from them, just like she did when she left Infinite Family.

For her the LaunchPad represents more than just a meeting space — it is a source of positive energy. She describes her time there as very rewarding because she felt surrounded by good energy from her mentor, the Infinite Family team, and her peers.

From a 13-year-old who struggled with boundaries to a Grade 12 student planning her future and inspiring her peers, Nkosinathi 's journey embodies the resilience and potential that Infinite Family nurtures in every young person we serve.

**Photos and quotes are all real Infinite Family Net Buddies. For their safety, we change the names and images to protect their identities.*

Every teen joins Infinite Family at a different starting point.

Many grapple with food insecurity that makes focusing impossible. Most carry trauma from violence that permeates their communities. All arrive without basic computer skills. Yet, despite these varied challenges, each share one crucial trait: determination to break the poverty barrier and build a better future. Our program meets them exactly where they are — then supports their individual path forward.

What transforms potential into achievement? We cultivate three fundamental qualities: **Resilience** emerges when mentors help teens convert toxic stress into strength, showing them that setbacks need not define their future. **Resourcefulness** develops as they master technology and learn to navigate society's systems designed without them in mind. **Responsibility** grows through consistent expectations, weekly video sessions, and the accountability that comes from meeting expectations that they'll follow through.

Many dismiss these teens as "at-risk." At Infinite Family, we reject that framing. Certainly, they face risk — endemic violence, too few role models, schools without adequate resources. But they also possess drive, creativity, and insight born from overcoming obstacles most will never face. Yet their circumstances often steer them to make decisions that CRUSH opportunities, like dropping out of school.

Infinite Family offers them a path to CREATE opportunities for themselves, to invest in their own futures, and to fuel their drive to succeed. As first-generation university students, our Net Buddies need support to navigate the alien world of financial aid applications, course selection, study strategies, and professional networking with competence and confidence. After graduation, our global network also helps them transition to fast-paced workplaces.

The relationships and skills they build through our mentorship program means that when you support Infinite Family, you invest in young people who will transform not just their own lives but entire communities. They become the role models, the employers and the leaders their communities desperately need. They prove that where you start doesn't determine where you finish and that — with the right support — any teen can build a productive, self-reliant future.

With gratitude, Amy Stokes, Founder, President and CEO

Go Far, Together

The Infinite Family programme is a refuge for teens who know what they want in life but need help to get there.

Our enduring results fortify our commitment to keep investing in South African teens who invest in themselves.

