



**Winner**

## **Shelagh M'Gonigle Gender Speech Award 2008**

### **Mpolokeng Mochache**

First of all, I would like to pass my sincere greetings to help Lesotho and all the Canadian people who contributes to help the Basotho nation with scholarships.

Help Lesotho has done many things in our country, but among them all, I would like to talk about the young women's leadership workshop that was held at Hlotse in Leribe District. I have enjoyed being part of young women's leadership because I have learned a lot about gender.

I have grown up knowing that men are leaders of their families while women are to take care of the children, but help Lesotho improved my mind. I now know that there is something which is called gender equality.

Besides that, I would like to say to help Lesotho I really appreciate their presence in Lesotho because without them, we may not be aware that there are so many things which are done by men that women can still afford to do. I have got new information, and I also know that we as women, we are equal to men even though we are not equal in terms of sex.

I promise help Lesotho that their information has not fall in to deaf ears, so I am going to pass these to other people. Basotho people were living under pressure where by women were forced to stay at home doing nothing but with the help of help Lesotho our nation would know that women are equal to men in terms of gender

Help Lesotho has come to our rescue as Basotho. It has brought light to reveal and fight against being stereotyped. Help Lesotho is going to remove the fears that were on our faces because we are now getting developed in our lives.

To climb down the ladder, I would like say to Help Lesotho, please stay patient as you are and have more enthusiasm to fight against these traditional desire which is strongly on gender.

May God bless Help Lesotho

So I would strongly like to say thank you.

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## **Kathleen Lauder Leadership Speech Award 2008**

### **Second Place**

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To lead is to show the way to a person or an animal. Good leader is someone guiding people and is ready to face challenges of life and serves people under him honestly.

Being a good leader helps you to live with other people including people with disabilities and HIV/AIDS for you to make them happy you must know how to behave when you are in their company. Leading helps you to live in harmony with yourself and other people.

Giving a friendly smile to another person does you no harm and positive communication is an important aspect of good leader. You communicate with other people all the time whether you are aware of it or not. You make your feeling known through spoken and written languages, facial expressions, gestures and silences. There can be no communication if you speak and the other people do not listen or if you speak all the time and never give others a chance to speak.

Being a good leader gives you the skills such as tolerance and acceptance of people with different culture, religious, custom, values and beliefs. It is through social relationships that you will be able to live with and accommodate people different from you. It takes an effort to understand and accept others who are different from you. Every person has a right to his/her own opinion. Learn to listen to other people's point of view even if it is different from yours and when you give your point of view, do it positively so as to maintain good relationships.

The basis of good leaders is trust. People will never be completely relaxed in the company of someone they do not trust. Trust means that people can expect you to be the same towards them under all circumstances. Trust has many faces and they are Loyalty, Dependency and Responsibility.

Young woman conference changed me a lot. So it is time for me to make changes in other people's lives starting with my friends and family because 'I AM WONDERUL'.