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**Mrs Name, I'd like you to meet Laetitia Boucher, a 17-year-old blind student at the *Pioneer School*...**

**She's quite simply a star and we're all so proud of her!**

In the upcoming Matric exams, Laetitia's aiming for four distinctions and plans to study further next year.

In many ways, she's a typical teenager – she enjoys scary movies and popular music and has big plans for her life. You'll often find her on the computer or on her cell phone, sending sms messages to her friends and family.

As a prefect of the school she enjoys being a “big sister” to the younger children in the hostel. She knows only too well how hard it is to be far away from Mum and Dad at such a young age. You see, she came to the *Pioneer School* from Namibia when she was just eight years old.

But Laetitia wouldn't be the accomplished young woman she is today if she'd never come to us.

I'm so happy we were able to offer her a place in our school – and that's thanks to the wonderful people, such as you, who support us so generously year after year.

The skills we've given Laetitia will make it possible for her to continue her education alongside sighted students. We truly hope she'll forge a career that brings

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her fulfilment and happiness. That's what we want for all our learners.

Of course we couldn't have done this without your support and we continue to rely on friends who share our love and concern for those who cannot see, for the means to do this.

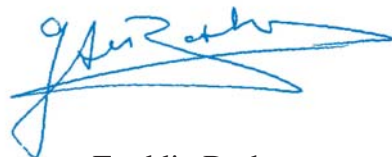
Right now, we're planning for the new academic year in January. We must provide for a new intake of little ones – that means mobility, low-vision aids, and braille devices to help them cope without the benefit of sight, and sometimes without hearing too!

Plus there's a long list of educational supplies that need replenishing and we'll have to fund school fees and hostel living expenses for poorer children. We won't turn any child away who can gain from joining the *Pioneer School*.

It would help me sleep easier at night if I knew we had the funds on hand to meet these expenses. That's my reason for writing to you now, to ask if you can repeat your kindness again, by sending off your gift today. If it's possible, I'll be more grateful than you'll ever know.

But I'm confident you believe as strongly as I do in the good work we do here at the Institute, so I thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Yours sincerely



Freddie Botha  
Executive Head

PS Laetitia is just one of our many wonderful children who deserve every opportunity we can give them. Please help us to help them all to be the very best they can be.