

Eunice Ralarala the Entrepreneur



“My name is Noxolo Eunice Ralarala, a 48 year old widowed mother of 3 and foster mother of 1. I am from a small town in the Eastern Cape, called Indwe.

Growing up, my dream was to become a social worker. I had always loved giving back to others and helping where I can, but because I had to get married young, I was not sent back to school and that dream did not become a reality.

I have always been a person who doesn't easily give up and I opted to do a short course at Wamakersvallei. There I've been equipped, adding to my love I have for helping those in need. I started off with the Frail Care Course, then the Cooking Course and the Baby care. I decided that was not enough, then later did the Home Management which helped me a lot.

With the assistance of Surette Moggee, Project Manager of Wamakersvallei Training Centre, I started my own cleaning business: Gratefull Cleaning & Catering which I operated with 26 people, for several years.

The short courses that I did, have all contributed very well towards my soup kitchen that feeds presently 250 children in my community for 5 days a week. I am very grateful because I don't think my soup kitchen would've been this successful without the skills I learnt at Wamakersvallei.”

PS: In 2020 Eunice Ralarala was one of the Proteas of the Valley. It is Valcare's Women Empowerment Initiative that honours and celebrates inspirational women in the Cape Winelands.