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Akekho umntwana ozokhishwa inyumbazane



■ Abesifazane ababili abazibophezele baphokophele ukwakha isikole esigxile kwezobuholi nezobuchwepheshe. Sihlinzekela ngemfundo yangasese yekhethelo egxile ekubandakanyeni izingane ezine-Autism ne-ADHD.

Matona Fatman

Ngesikhathi uYone-la Ntlauzana efuhlathela elase-UK ekuqaleni kwalo nyaka elibhekise ekhaya eNingizimu Afrika, wayezitshelile ukuthi akasoze abheke emuva.

“Uma ngibheka emuva, kuchaza ukuthi ngihlulekile,” kusho uNtlauzana.

Lo oneminyaka engama-37 ubudala washiya umsebenzi wakhe nabafana bakhe ababili, oneminyaka eyisishigalolunye kanye noneminyaka eyi-14, eyofezekisa iphupho lakhe lokuvula isikole esizoqikelela ukuthi bonke abantwana bathola ithuba elifanayo empilweni ngokuba bathole imfundo eqondene nabo nqo.

UNtlauzana ungoti we-ACAE (inhlango eyeluleka

nge-autism nezimo ezihambisana nayo) nololongelwe ukuqeqesha – uthi ukuhluleka akuyona into ayibhekile. Wenza konke okusemandleni ukuthi i-Plumfield Specialist School iphumelele. Lesi sikole sizinze e-Chartwell e-Gauteng.

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Umbono wokwakha i-Plumfield, nakuba ingumbono omhle kakhulu, awulula neze, kuNtlauzana nomlingani wakhe asungula naye lesi sikole, uHlumela Sixishe, oyisikhondlakhondla sezemfundo ebhekele abafundi ngqo ngokomsebenzi wakhe.

Laba bobabili basungule kusuka phansi isikole esilolongelwe ukugxila kwezobuholi nezobuchwepheshe. Into eyenza i-Plumfield ivelele uma iqhathani-

swa nezinye izikole ezifana nayo eziphakela ngemfundo ezimele kongoti ukuthi yona igxile ekubandakanyeni izingane ezine-Autism ne-Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (i-ADHD).

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Bobabili uNtlauzana noSixishe bayakuqonda ukuthi ukutholakala une-Autism noma i-ADHD “akuyona nkinga enkulu ukwedlula ezinye” njengoba abazali bebekholelwa ilokho. Kuchaza ukuthi indlela yokufundisa nokufunda kumele ingafani, ihluke, ukuze inikeze abantwana wonke amathuba okuthola ukuthi ukhaphile, unekhono futhi uhlakaniphe kangakanani, nekhono elihlukile lokubamba iqhaza ngokubambisana.

Umongo wohlelo lokufunda kulesi sikole ukufunda izifundo zokuthuthukisa abafundi babe nomqondo obanzi, i-liberal arts. Ukwakha izinhlelo zamakhompuyutha kuyingxenye yalolu hlelo lokufunda, lapho abafundi befunda ngezindlela zokwakha izinhlelo zamakhompuyutha ezilula besebenzisa imifanekiso efanayo ne-Lego, baze ngokuhamba kwesikhathi bakhe izinhlelo zamakho-

mpuyutha ezilukhuni ezifana no-JavaScript ne-Python.

Ikhono lomntwana one-autism

Akekho noyedwa awazi ikhono lomntwana one-autism ukwedlula uNtlauzana, njengoba abafana bakhe bobabili bene-autism. Ingakho ephilela ukwenza i-Plumfield ukuba ibe nempumelelo, okuyiphupho yena nozakwabo uSixishe abaphupha ngalo imini nobusuku.

UNtlauzana uphokophele ekutheni ekugcineni abafana bakhe ababili babe kanye naye babe ingxenye yabafundi base-Plumfield.

Ukunakekelwa okutholwa abafana bakhe ohlelweni lukahulumeni wase-UK ikhona okwenza afisele abantwana abene-autism eNingizimu Afrika okufanayo.

Uma sekukhulunywa ngokunikeza abantwana amathuba nezinsiza, uSixishe unentshisekelo efanayo ncamashi nekaNtlauzana. Baphikelele embonweni wabo wokuthi zonke izingane kufanele zinikwe amathuba alinganayo. Ekugcineni, bafuna umongo wezemfundo ushintshe.

Okwamanje, i-Plumfield ayinalo uxhaso futhi uSixishe noNtlauzana abawatholi amaholo. Ukuzinikela kwabo ngemfundo etholakala

kalula, eseqophelweni ikhona ukubenza baphokophele phambili. Bakholelwa ukuthi ngolunye usuku uMnyango wezeMfundo Eyisisekelo uyoxhasa abafundi abane-autism ukuze bakwazi ukufunda e-Plumfield.

USixishe noNtlauzana abesabi ukuba namaphupho amakhulu nokulandela ezinyathelweni zawo. Bahlele ukukhulisa isikole sabo esincane esisendaweni yase-Chartwell ukuthi esikhathini esizayo sibe namahostela okuhlalisa abafundi ngaphakathi esikoleni. Okwamanje, uNtlauzana noSixishe bakwazile ukubonisa ukuthi uma umqondo usendaweni efanele uphokophele okuthile, ungaphumelela, ngisho nokwakha isikole esikhethile esifana ne-Plumfield. ■



■ Yanela Ntlauzana.

Iyini i-autism?

I-autism ukukhubazeka okuyindida okuhambisana nokukhula okujwayele ukubonakala eminyakeni emithathu umntwana ezelwe futhi kunomthelela kakhona lomuntu lokuxhumana kanye nokusebenzisa nabanye.

Izimpawu ze-autism

- Ukuntuleka noma ukuphuza ukukhuluma.
- Ukuphindaphinda izinto ezifana nokufinyela kwezandla.
- Ukungakwazi ukubuka ngqo.
- Ukungabi nentshisekelo emndenini noma kubangane.
- Ukungabi nentshisekelo yokudlala imidlalo ekhokelayo.
- Ukugxila entweni ethize, noma ezingxenyeni zezinto.

Umzali okufanele akuqaphele: Ngaso sonke isikhathi buka indlela umntwana akhula ngayo ukuze uma kunezingkinga umntwana wakho ezothola usizo kusenesikhathi.



■ Hlumela Sixishe.