

A vibrant, multi-colored butterfly with purple, pink, and green wings, flying over a green field under a blue sky. The butterfly is the central focus, with its wings spread wide. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a green field in the foreground and a blue sky above. The overall mood is peaceful and transformative.

# Embracing Transformation

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# Who Am I...

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My name is Jean Murasiramwa and I am a student in the PSW Program at Limestone District School Board in Kingston, Ontario. I am currently about to enter into my Unsupervised Placement.

Born and raised in Zimbabwe

Moved to South Africa.

In South Africa, I worked with special needs children for 10 years.

South Africa was not a safe place for me to continue to reside, and although a tough decision to leave.

Came to Canada as a refugee 2023



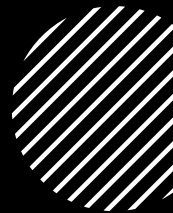
# Hello Canada...

- I came to Canada in March 2023 as a Refugee.
- Refugee status
- My arrival in Kingston June 2023.
- Immigration Services in the Kingston Area, known as ISKA.





# Embracing Transformation



In my mind, I felt confused and lost and felt I needed to go back to ISKA and did not know that this was the door to my destiny. I went back to Immigration Service in Kingston Area ISKA



Connecting and meeting with the LDSB team



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My story revolves around a pivotal decision in my life choosing to pursue a career as a Personal Support Worker with LDSB.

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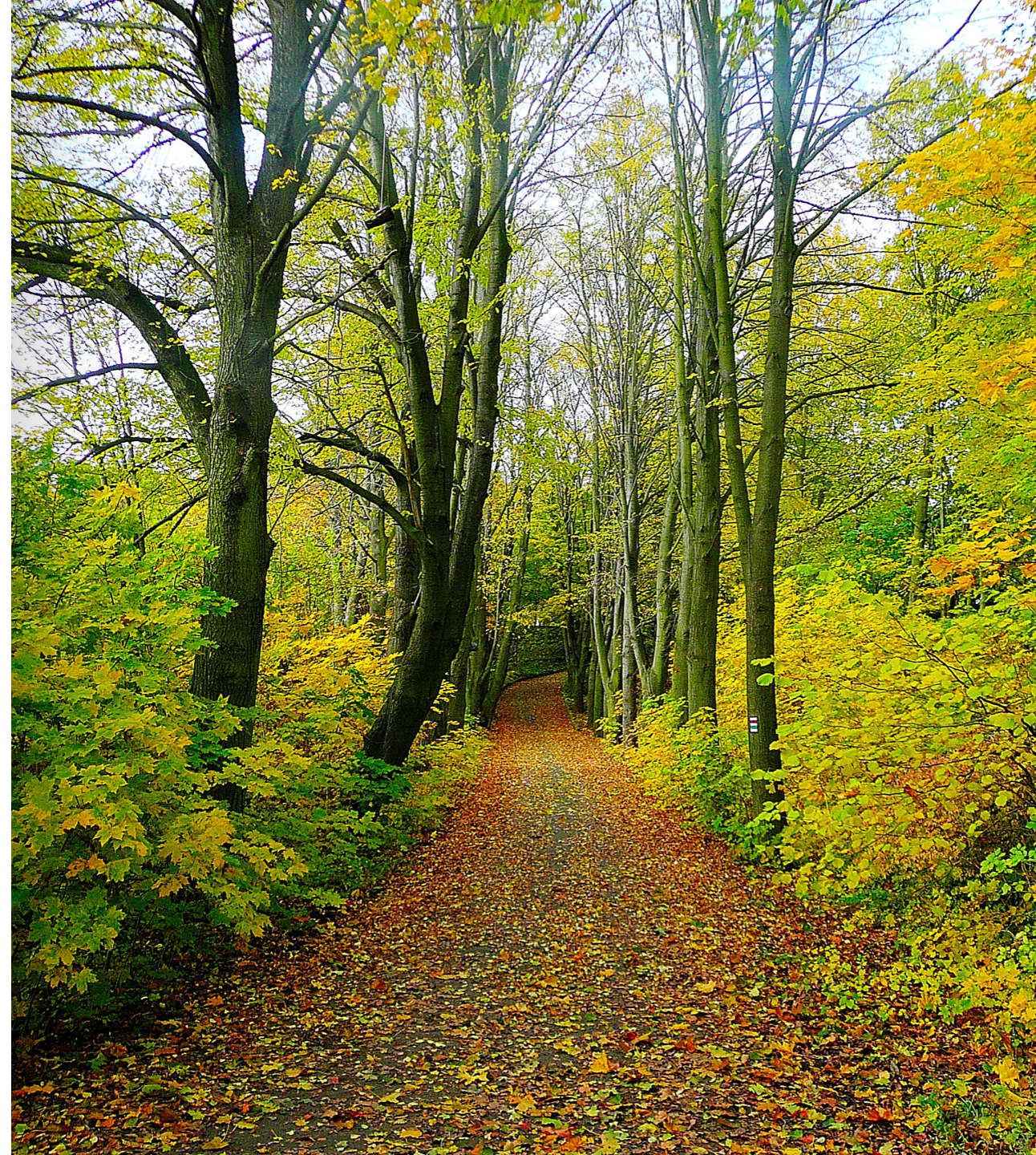
- Personal growth
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Client-Centered care
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Ethical Decision-making



# My journey

My journey into the PSW program is a prime example of embracing transformation, where I discovered not only a career path but a deeper sense of purpose. I stand here with pride that I am now in the last phase of my PSW program and am happy to be doing what I was born to do.

So, whether someone is considering a similar path or simply seeking inspiration for their own transformation, I hope my story will resonate with each of you and provide valuable insights on embracing change and growth.



# Challenges...

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English as a  
second Language



School Workload



Financial  
Support



# Challenges Cont'd...

Another challenge was/is access to food.

Despite all of these challenges, I can proudly say that I have not gotten a marks below 70% in my theory and 80% in my labs and am very proud of myself. If you ask me what my wish is after each day, I will tell you that my wish is to put a smile on someone's face, and I will be proud of myself.





**Future** **Global** **Ethical**  
**Open** **Reputation** **Economy**  
**Free** **Wealth** **Trust** **Growth**  
**Social** **Esteeem** **Community**  
**Local** **Opportunities**  
**New Paradigm** **Quantification**

**Key factors that  
led me to choose  
a school board  
program...**



**Accreditation  
and Certification**



**Program  
Reputation**



**Clinical  
Experience**



**Job Placement**



**Instructors and  
Support Services**



**Duration of the  
Program**

# Guiding Factors

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- Passion for helping others.
- Compassion and Empathy.
- Interest in Healthcare.
- Job Stability and Demand.
- Personal and Family Experience.
- Flexible Career Options.
- Shorter Training Duration.
- Career Advancement.

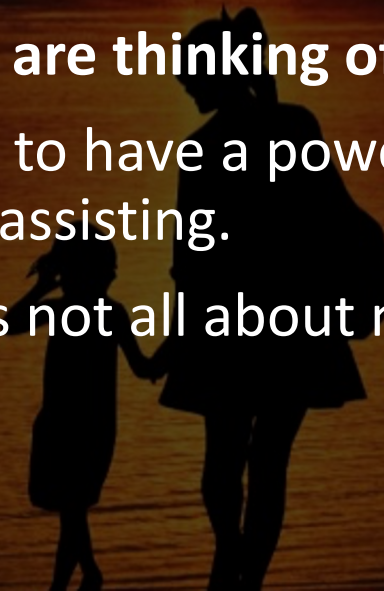


# Major impacts the program is having in my life

- Starting my career
- Financial stability...Having my own place to stay
- Able to provide for my own family back home.

## **2 things that I can share with others who are thinking of taking PSW program.**

- Compassion and Empathy; It is essential to have a powerful sense of compassion and empathy for the people you will be assisting.
- Passion and to have people at heart, it is not all about money but the passion to care people.



# Where I want to be a year from now...

- To further continue with my education, PSW can open a lot of doors, like nursing, social work and much more.
- Home Healthcare; I can work as an independent caregiver or start my own home healthcare business for children with special needs.

## How I feel making an impact in the lives of others through my work as a PSW

- Satisfaction
- Fulfillment
- Empathy and Compassion
- Gratitude
- Sense of Purpose
- Personal Growth.



Thank you very much for listening