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Award winning author and entrepreneur Gail Motloun talks about her upcoming book which is set to empower young girls and women through financial awareness.

**GAIL
MOTLOUNG**



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The 2021 Cohort of the Mandela Washington Fellowship is virtual due to covid-19. This means that networking this year has to be unconventional. **The Leader** digital magazine is a tool that has been created to aid this unconventional networking process. Each issue will profile one of the **2021 MW Fellows** by highlighting their work & interests. This creates new avenues to network & collaborate between fellows. It is also an exciting way to keep in tune with each other. This magazine is **not** an official product of The Mandela Washington Fellowship nor its partners. The views & ideas expressed herein belong to the respective individuals. As such they cannot be attributed to the fellowship. We encourage you to contact the profiled fellow to learn more about his/her work. For more information on the Mandela Washington Fellowship, please contact the fellowship directly on: www.mandelawashingtonfellowship.org

We hope you enjoy this one. Tatenda,
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1. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

I am a financial advisor by profession and experience. I am also a social entrepreneur who is passionate about empowering young girls and that is what birthed “Girl with a Purpose Foundation”, a non-profit organization that seeks to inspire young women to be the highest versions of themselves. I am an award winning author and publisher at House of Yadah Publications, yep! I ink dreams for a living. My passion for publishing comes from always having the desire to help others tell their stories with the hope that their stories will inspire others.

2. You said you are an author. How many books have you written?

I have written 4 books and am currently working on my 5th one which is soon to be my favourite book. I won't share the title yet but the book is basically about the importance of managing your finances and the basic ways to learn how to save. This book was inspired by the young girls I am mentoring when they asked me to teach them basic ways to save money. For instance iv had the privilege of interacting with people from all those 3 classes and what I have found is that, it doesn't matter which class you fall under, people have different struggles with regards to managing their finances. Therefore, my hope is that people will take away from the book different strategies applicable to their unique circumstances.

3. When was your NPO established, what inspired it and what has sustained it?

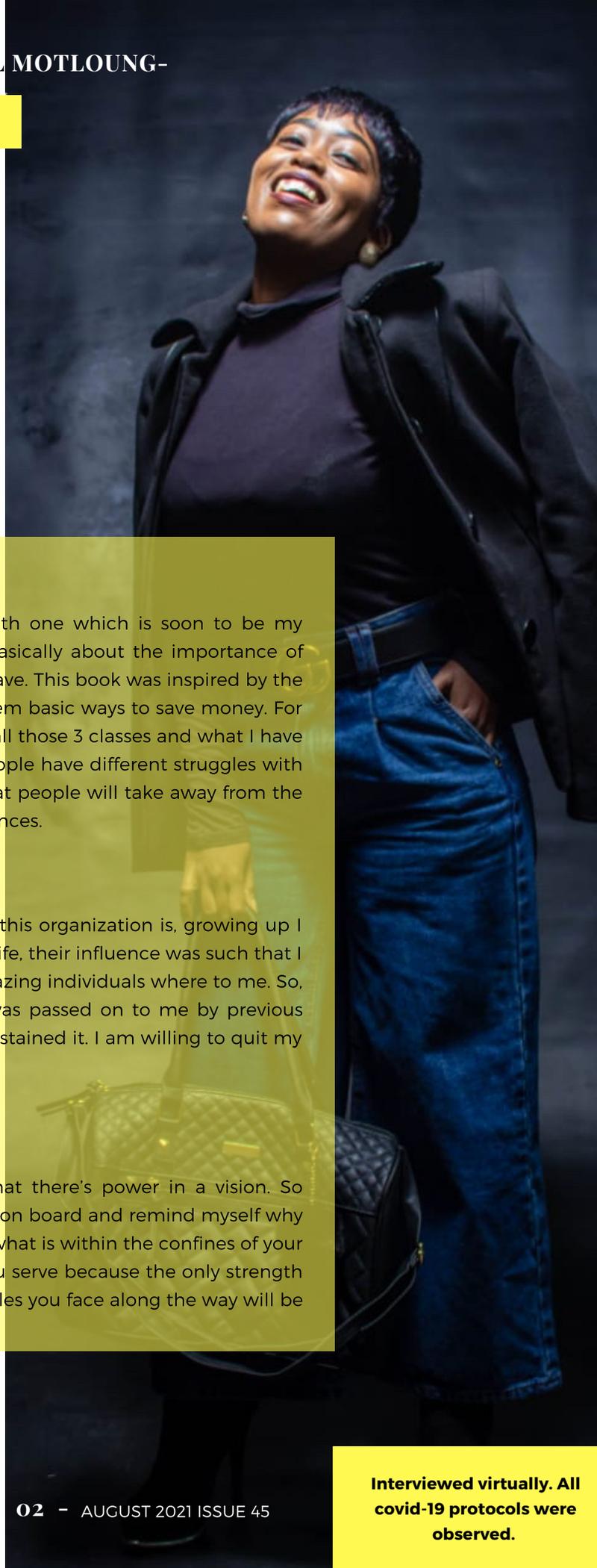
Our NPO was established in 2017. What inspired me to start this organization is, growing up I had different people mentoring me at different stages in my life, their influence was such that I myself became motivated to be to these girls what those amazing individuals where to me. So, I want to pass on to the next generation of leaders what was passed on to me by previous leaders. Hard work, dedication and persistence is what has sustained it. I am willing to quit my 9-5 job for this baby. I love serving my community.

4. What keeps you motivated even when the odds are against you?

Knowing my purpose motivates me. I personally believe that there's power in a vision. So whenever I come across challenges in life, I go back to my vision board and remind myself why I am here and how exciting that is. Doing what you love and what is within the confines of your purpose is the best gift you can give to yourself and those you serve because the only strength you have is for the race set for you. Therefore whatever obstacles you face along the way will be easy to overcome because you stay in your lane.

5. Now, for my favourite question with all the leaders; What do you do in your free time?

I enjoy watching movies and catching up with my close friends.



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