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**From:** Chris Styles [mailto:chris@thebestyoucanbe.co.za]  
**Sent:** 06 July 2011 01:00 PM  
**To:** Carlene Royle  
**Subject:** Thank you message to Anne Pratt

Dear Anne:

You may not remember me, but in 1999 you interviewed me and took what must have been a blind leap of faith by appointing an elephant research scientist in to Nedbank's 2000 Leadership Development Programme. I will never forget that interview with you in your Sandton offices.

As I reflect on the past 11 years of my life and the fact that I have now arrived at the point where I own and run a number of companies which are growing even more successful every day, I feel the deep need to thank you for having taken the risk to include me in the 2000 LDP class. That year (1999), before you saw in me what I knew others were missing, I had been for over 50 interviews and most of the 'other head-hunters' had told me that I was unplaceable given that I was a wildlife ecologist...

All I can say Anne, after 11 years, having obtained GM status within Absa in 2006 (7 years after I entered banking with ZERO knowledge) and now owning my own businesses which will go global in a year or two from now, is thank you, your decision helped change my life.

Your sincerely,  
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