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WORLD DIABETES AWARENESS DAY



On November 30th, 2023, King Edward VIII Hospital’s Diabetes clinic hosted Diabetes awareness day. This special occasion aimed to enhance diabetes education, improve diagnosis and promote better care for this prevalent condition worldwide. Patients and staff alike actively participated in this event by getting tested for diabetes. The theme for 2023 is:

‘Access to diabetes care’ with the slogan “know your risk, know your response”, resonated with every participant. The event highlighted the pressing need to amplify efforts in educating individuals about diabetes, facilitate early diagnosis and ultimately provide better care for those affected. This initiative allowed individuals to gain insights into their own health status. By

fostering the opportunity to assess one’s diabetes risk, the event fostered an environment of personal responsibility towards ones well-being.



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STOP
GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
against women

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS



Unite Activism To End Violence Against Women & Girls

Mhla zingamashumi amathathu ku Lwezi onyakeni 2023 (30 November 2023), umnyango wezenhlalakahle esibhedlela I King Edward VIII/St Aidans, ubambe iqhaza ngokulwisana nodlame olubhekiswe kubantu besifazane kanye nezingane. Isiqubulo salonyaka sigcizelela ubumbano emkhankasweni wokulwisana nodlame olubhekiswe kwabesifazane namantombazane/ “(Unite Activism To End Violence Against Women & Girls.)”

Umkhankaso walonyaka esibhedlela ubugxile ekufundiseni ngomthetho we Domestic Violence Act njengoba isikhulumi sosuku bekunguMahluleli Advocate Rusi

owungoti nesazimthetho kulomkhakha. Uhlube udlubu ekhasini ngalomthetho, ukusebenza kanye nokutolikwa kwawo. Esinye sezikhulumi zosuku kube Izinyane leSilo uMntwana uNhlanganiso Zulu oyale kabanzi abesilisa ngokuziphatha egcizelela iqhaza okumele balibambe emphakathini nasekuvikeleni abesifazane nezingane. Unksz Gail Shreiner wesikhungo esikhoselisa izisulu zodlame olubhekiswe kwabesifazane nezingane ehambisana nonkosazane Claudette Naidoo bachazele izethameli ngosizi olubhekana nezisulu kanye nosizo abalunikezayo.

Umpathi wophiko lwezenhlalakahle esibhedlela u Mnuz Bheki Zondi naye uhambe emazwini ezikhulumi, ekhuthaza ukubambisana kwezinhlaka

zomphakathi ezahlukeneyo kanye neminyango kahulumeni ekulwiseni lesisihlava.

Iqembu lesicathamiya lesibhedlela yashiya izethameli zifuna impinda ngamanoni alo amanandi aqwashisa ngawo lomkhankaso.





A Blissful Visit By Umkhumbane School Project



A BLISSFUL VISIT BY UMKHUMBANE SCHOOL PROJECT TO WARD N2A & B , 12B (ORTHO) AND PRU

In a heartwarming act of kindness and compassion, Umkhumbane school project “An education equity Non-Profit Organization (NGO) “ working to promote social transformation through improved education access and outcomes in the historic Cato Manor township and informal settlement area of greater Durban. They recently visited the Children wards, at King Edward VIII/St Aidans Hospital Complex. The purpose of this visit was to spread joy, give hope, and bring smiles to the faces of the young ones during their recovery. Their gesture

involved distributing 'get well soon' gift cards and delectable eats, offering comfort and reassurance during challenging times.

A day of smiles and hope, where members of Umkhumbane School Project arrived at KEH, armed with bright smiles and heartfelt messages, with the objective to uplift the spirits of the young patients who are battling various illnesses, bringing them a sense of joy and hope. Children came alive with an atmosphere of enthusiasm and positivity as 'get well soon' cards, each personalized with a

heartfelt message offering words of encouragement. The ripple effect of kindness left lasting impact on the children, their families and even the hospital staff.





WORLD PREMATURETY DAY



Small Action, Big Impact

On November 17th, the nursery department at King Edward VIII Hospital hosted a heartwarming event to commemorate the World Prematurity Day. The purpose of this special occasion was to celebrate the lives of little fighters who are born prematurely.

With the theme “ Small Action. BIG IMPACT,” the event aimed to highlight the significant contributions that even the smallest gestures can have in the lives of these resilient babies. The highlight

for the event came from a powerful poem by Dr Skosana, ‘ Too Soon They Said’’, which beautifully captured the struggle and triumphs of premature babies and waves of emotions their families go through. The poem reminded us that these little ones may have arrived earlier, but they are strong, determined and capable of incredible achievement.

Testimonies by mothers who shared challenges they faced and how they overcame them.

Mrs. Nzuza expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the Nursery team for the support and words of

encouragement when her 800gm child was born and fought a good fight to be discharged as a healthy baby. She indicated that it is because of Nursery team that she is called a mom by her little one after she had two miscarriages.

The event was a reflection of love, resilience, the power of small actions and also served as a reminder of hope and incredible miracles that these little fighters bring to our lives.



Lisa Nicole Imagery
Once tiny, once fragile, tears of uncertainty at first. Months pass, milestones surpassed with many miracles and memories along the way. The door to home is closer each day and tears of joy will soon overwhelm our thoughts. Our hearts prepare to say goodbye to the miracle hands who saved the life of our prematurely born child....



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Premature Babies and Beyond



2023 ANNUAL QUALITY DAY



The much anticipated annual quality day unfolded with great ebullience on the 9th of November 2023, making yet another year of exceptional achievements and molding new benchmarks in the hospital. The event served as a noble platform to celebrate and recognize the remarkable performance of various wards and departments within the hospital through quality improvement projects.

As an established tradition, annual quality day has been firmly etched in the hospitals calendar for years, always slated during the second week of November. It is an occasion that brings together the

staff and management to honor and reward the remarkable contribution of the dedicated healthcare workers. This years Quality Day surpassed all expectations, with an ambiance of enthusiasm and cheer that resonated through out the event. The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to the various wards and departments that had demonstrated exceptional performance throughout the year. Awards were conferred to the wards exhibiting outstanding teamwork, excellent in patient care, innovation and notable contributions to the development of medical science. The annual Quality Day at King Edward VIII/St Aidan's Hospital was more than just a celebration; it was a testament to the unwavering

commitment and professionalism of the staff. It elevated the spirits of everyone present, reinforcing the shared goal of providing unparalleled care to patients and paving the way for future advancements. As the event concluded, there were beaming smiles, heartfelt applause, and a sense of pride that united all attendees. The annual quality day served as a reminder that when dedicated healthcare professionals join hands and relentlessly strive for excellence, the impact reaches beyond confines of hospital walls, touching and transforming lives in unimaginable ways.



2023 ANNUAL STAFF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS



King Edward VIII/St. Aidan's Hospital Complex Annual Employee Appreciation day event was held on 27 October 2023. It served to honour and celebrate the achievements of employees for service excellence in going over and beyond the call of duty as well as to those employees that have achieved 10, 20, 30 and an unbelievable 40 years of continued service for their loyalty and dedicated service to the Department of Health.

Acknowledging and appreciating employees is essential for creating a workplace culture of support and recognition which boosts employees' morale and fosters harmonious working relations. It encourages good behaviour and inculcates a competitive spirit to strive for excellence.

Finding words that fully express genuine appreciation for employees can be difficult and events of this nature encapsulates everything that needs to be spoken.

The Service Excellence Awards was attended through a process of nominations, widely publicised within the facilities after which an Assessing Task Team applied their minds, verified information and interviewed key personnel where necessary thus ensuring objectivity in the selection of nominees.

Keeping in mind budgetary constraints and this being an unfunded event, much planning had to be done to put together an event of this magnitude. With a dedicated, hardworking and enthusiastic planning team of individuals who worked tirelessly over the months in initiating fundraising drives within the facility and together with social partners, the team put together a spectacular red carpet event that went over and beyond expectations to ensure that this was an exciting and memorable day that one can reflect on for years to come by all employees, especially award recipients.

The highlight of this year's event was awarding Deputy Director, HR with 40 years long service award which was an emotional one for the HR members of the planning team as he will also be retiring

this year. Deputy Director: HR was always physically involved in all initiatives in preparation for this day and his presence has been instrumental in ensuring a smooth flow.

Our deepest appreciation and gratitude goes out to sponsors who each year partner with us in assisting us to make this day a special one.

The day was filled with glam, joy, happiness, mixed emotions, good food and good reviews from all that attended. It was a job well done to the team for all their efforts which was evident in the culmination of this extravagant event.

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