



MEGA NEWS

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our Receptionist**

“In partnership with the community that we serve”

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**“RELEASE YOUR
FRUSTRATIONS AND
GET MOTIVATED”**

Editorial comments



The year has started and is already few months old. 2010 is on the door steps, and ou might be wondering why I am interested in 2010. This is the year when our country will be hosting the greatest soccer event in the world. All the eyes of the world will be in our continent and so; we all want to create a very good and conducive environment for the visitors.

I just think that as the Department of Health in Kwa-Zulu Natal we will be faced with a very huge challenge of ensuring that those visitors from all the countries of the world will be well cared for in case anything happens. Yes the main events will be taking place in the very big cities like Johannesburg, Durban and others, but who know s what is going to happen. These people like traveling a lot and in case they find themselves in need of medical attention while touring Newcastle, it will be very interesting to see what picture they will take home with them about our hospitals and the level of care they would have received from us. Are we ready for the very big challenge ahead of us? What if some hotel accommodation get fully booked at the main events cities, and some supporters book at one of the hotels in Newcastle. Should they for some reasons need medical attention, are we ready to attend to them. I just want to say to all of us that let us position ourselves in order to be able to meet every challenge that might face us. This is over and above our daily routine and other unexpected challenges of diseases that resurface when we least expect them to e.g. Cholera, XDR and other problems like assault cases, rape etc.

Another issue if interest is that 2009 is going to see the citizens of our country going to the polls for the fourth time. The IEC has already made an agreement with the Senior Health authorities of our Department to accommodate the IEC officials in our Institutions to help those who will be hospitalised to be able to vote.

These are some of the things that I think are saying to us we must be on our feet. Our image is very important and we need to uphold it. How we receive people from outside will be painting a picture about us. How our environment looks like will be a plus factor. These things might seem far fetched and less important, but lets try to keep the standard of our service high because like I said, our pride and image are very important.

Well; besides the national elections, there will also be a FIFA confederations cup in June 2009. I know how we South Africans love football especially men. I would like to request all of us that, although we will be captivated by what will be on our television screens (matches, highlights, etc) coupled with the cold weather, but we' ll still have to come to work on a regular basis like we always did before. The public service that we excel in still needs to be provided, so may I please encourage us to come to work on those treasured and special days, and can we please discuss the previous day's soccer matches doing something constructive, like our job which we get paid for.

Can I end my view point by introducing to you Miss Ntando Jele. She is a Public Relations student at Tshwane University of Technology, and is going to spend nine months with us for her experiential training. May I request all of us to help her in what ever way we can for her to be competent. I wish to welcome her and tell her that she is at home, so she must enjoy every moment of her stay with us.

Lets hope that 2009 will be a good year to all of us.

Thank you

B.V. Thwala

THE EXPERTISE IN THE PR OFFICE KEEP GETTING BETTER!!!

After two years of constant theoretical lessons and sleepless nights of studying for tests and exams, Tshwane University of Technology has produced another hungry mind that will be fed in the Public Relations Office of Madadeni Provincial Hospital.



I am Ntando Jele and I will be the new Public Relations Intern, keeping Mr. Bheki Thwala company, and advising him where necessary, but most importantly, learning as much as I can from him. After matriculating from Ferrum High School, I embarked on a journey towards obtaining a Public Relations Management diploma at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT). I am a determined, hardworking, easy going, dedicated, flexible, kind, helpful, respectful young lady and I am always ready for a challenge.

For my internship, I am supposed to learn and practice how the Public Relations Officer practices his functions, techniques and how he ensures sufficient communication is supplied to the various stakeholders

These are the few of the many techniques the Public Relations department performs.

Media relations: it's one of the most important responsibilities of

Public Relations Officers and should be practiced as an ongoing task, not something that is done last minute. This would include:

- Researching the available media
- Identifying key media contacts
- Briefing these contacts and providing them with detailed information
- Arranging interviews and visits
- Writing special articles and features

Corporate Image: it is the important result of the interaction of all experiences, impressions, beliefs, feelings and knowledge people have about the Organisation

In other words, everything an Organisation does or doesn't do, it's products and services, letterheads, brochures, offices and trucks, the way it treats it's employees and the public it assists. It will add or detract from this image.

Promotional Activities: These are high profile and media sensitive and Public Relations Officers devote a great deal of time and effort on them. This would include planning exhibitions and organizing a whole list of so-called special events which all call for specialised skills.

These are few of the many techniques we ensure occur in the Public Relations Office, and we hope we have increased your knowledge about what the Public Relations Office does.

It will be my absolute pleasure to work side to side with the family of Madadeni Provincial Hospital. I am willing and ready to learn from you and I am open to suggestions you might have when it comes to improving the communication within the hospital. After all, I am the student and a new member, and all I can do is learn. I would highly appreciate your support.

THANK YOU

“LET’S JOIN OUR HANDS AND DO IT”

Writes: Bheki Thwala



Another year another quality celebration for Madadeni Hospital and the rest of the Province. The month of November was long identified as the quality month and every institution is expected to hold a celebration in honour of the quality service that institutions provide. It is at this time that emphasis is made on the importance of increasing the level of commitment to service delivery by every staff member, which shouldn't stop on that day but should be done on ongoing basis. The Hospital's Main Hall was once again the venue for the main quality event for 2008 November. As usual the event was full of glamour, laughter and every ingredient that makes the occasion memorable.

The main activity for the day was the play performed by staff members from various Units of the hospital. This play was well displayed and was aimed at re-emphasising the importance of observing the provision of the principles of Batho Pele. At the end of the play the PRO reminded the staff about all the principles as displayed in the play. It was then time for the presentation of the awards to the achievers, so Mrs. Nkonyane as well as Mr. P. Sikhosana were on hand to do the honours.

The Guest Speaker Miss S.C.C Mabaso Deputy Manager from Amajuba District Health office receiving a token of appreciation from Mrs. B.B. Nkonyane—Assistant Nursing Manager

The awards were divided into the following categories:

- Documentary audit (Nursing Process.
- Quality assurance and improvement programme.
- Academic achievement
- Other programmes

ICU was the main winner, winning in most categories; which showed commitment to their work, and Mrs. S. Mabizela was awarded for having been the outstanding student while doing her Human Resource course with the private College.

Ms S.C.C Mabaso Deputy Manager from the District Office was the guest speaker for the day. After she was introduced by Mrs. S. Tsotetsi, she took the floor and appreciated all the work that was done by the Organisers of the event and the staff for taking their time to attend. She unpacked the concept Quality and further requested the staff to recommit themselves to service delivery. “The most successful quality programme defines quality not in terms of products, but in terms of total way of doing business, a total commitment to the customer.” She further requested Managers to support their co-workers and reminded them that without their fellow co-workers they would not be supervisors so they must try to establish good working relationships with them.

What a day that was. 2009 will be not different and we hope this will gradually make a differences to service delivery.

THE MAN BEHIND FINANCESFINANCES

Writes: Ntando Jele

Remember we were once blessed with Mr. Z.M. Tshabalala, who was the Mastermind behind the finances of this hospital. He provided a great service for the Department of Health, especially-Madadeni Provincial Hospital for countless years. He retired in 2007 and we held a beautiful farewell for him in January 2008, after which we were left without someone to lead and advise us with financial matters. Like in any work place, when somebody leaves, someone else comes in to fill that gap.

I would like to introduce you to Mr. M.R Ntuli, our new Financial Manager, who will be ensuring that our finances are in order. We had a chance to have chat with him and this is what he had to say.



The man at the helm of our finances, Mr. M.R. Ntuli who took over after Mr. Z.M. Tshabalala, who has since retired from the Public Service left.

• **BABA; HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE?**

Since June 1970

• **BEFORE YOU JOINED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DID YOU WORK FOR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT, IF YES, WHICH DEPARTMENT WAS IT, AND HOW LONG DID YOU WORK THERE?**

I joined the department of Health and Welfare. When the two departments disbanded, I was sent to join the department of Welfare. After a while, they then transferred me back to the Department of Health.

• **WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO JOIN MADADENI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL?**

I saw a challenging post that was advertised and I became keen to take on the challenge.

• **HAVE YOU WORKED AT ANY HOSPITAL BESIDES MADADENI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND IF YES, WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST WITH HOSPITALS?**

Yes, I have worked at other hospitals. My interest with hospitals is that I want to contribute in serving the needy who in this case is the patient'.

• **EVER SINCE YOU JOINED MADADENI PROVINCIAL, IS THERE ANYTHING YO THINK NEEDS TO BE CHANGED OR REVISITED IN THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE (FINANCIALLY)?**

Madadeni Provincial Hospital is working within the financial prescripts, control measures which are in place. However, we as managers should further motivate our staff to do more. Again we should look at the motivation as the process.

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• **Please tell us about your family background and how it has influenced the person you are today?**

I was born to a very strict mother and father and they used corporal punishment where necessary. Religion was something I was taught at home and praying was a very important part of it. This included, asking, thanking and praising the LORD. My wife was also brought up in a very religious family, taught to uphold the Almighty God, these are the same values we raised our own family with. My background has influenced me to be the type of man that 'loves and praises God'.

• **PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?**

I got a standard 6 (grade 8) certificate during those days when education was conducted in that way. During that time I also obtained a Junior Certificate. Afterwards I went and studied towards a Matric Certificate, which eventually lead me to my tertiary education where I obtained my certificates in Management Training and much more.

• **WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS?**

I am a big believer in Christ, thus I enjoy going to church and taking home preaching's. I enjoy watching football and listening to gospel music.

• **IF YOU WERE NOT A FINANCIAL MANAGER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING AND WHY?**

Any other work that I would find challenging my thinking and allow my contribution to the uplifting of the people of South Africa, in particular KZN citizens.

• **WHAT IS YOUR RECIPE FOR OVERCOMING CHALLENGES THAT YOU ENCOUNTER?**

I think about them but, one after the other, but I don't overcrowd my mind with them which ensures each challenge has a separate resolution. I also consult where necessary with a view of getting other opinions. I compare the different opinions I receive and decide on the relevant one to use to face the challenge.

• **THE DAY YOU RETIRE, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO ACHIEVE AT MADADENI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED FOR ?.**

I want to remain a trustworthy human being and be remembered as someone who was committed to his work with all his energy.

# THE FIGHT AGAINST RAT POISON CONSUMPTION!!!

The pediatric wards of Madadeni Provincial hospital, led by Sister Nandi Jele, took to the streets between the 26th of May 2008 and 01 June 2008 on a campaign to inform and raise awareness to the people of Newcastle about rat poison consumption. This silent killer is attacking people of all ages, and killing at an alarming rate.

The campaign began at Madadeni Hospital, and then it moved to the targeted areas around Newcastle. These included Newcastle Taxi Rank, Asmall's store, Osizweni's Pick n' Pay and Bob Stores, Madadeni checkers and eNyokeni. Newcastle Taxi Rank was chosen as there is a variety of people who work there and are willing to listen. Asmall's store was chosen because rat poison is sold by young men outside the store. Osizweni's Pick n' Pay, Bob Stores and Madadeni's Checkers were chosen because rat poison is sold inside the stores. eNyokeni was chosen because most rat poison consumption cases occur in that area.

The information that was supplied to the community of Amajuba District consisted of the following facts :

## SYMPTOMS OF POISON CONSUMPTION.

- The system that assists the body to be active as human beings will be blocked
- There will be diarrhea
- Salivation
- Sweating
- Lacrination
- Slow pulse
- Small pupils
- Muscle weakness
- Twitching
- Paralysis
- Loss of bladder control
- Pulmonary oedema and respiratory

## How to protect children against organophosphate poisoning, as it is called, (original name, organocarbamate poisoning), rat poisoning

- Keep the poison out of the reach of children, or under lock and key.
- It must not be mixed / poured on cool drink bottles
- It must not be placed in attractive bottle. Eg red, yellow / blue containers
- It must not be placed on a basin or a food container as the child might mistake it for food and eat it..
- Never leave children unattended, children must always be on your 'eye level' while playing
- If you are a working mother, have one person to look after your child and one doing the housework.
- Teach your children to eat what is given to them, babies are pickers and are to be discouraged to do so, and to tell them that it is a bad behavior
- There is an increase in rat circulation; therefore the municipality is to be encouraged to regularly remove the 'Gcina i-Madadeni' containers next to houses because, rats search for food there during the day and at night, go to the houses.
- Close the doors and windows in the evening before rats come in.
- Municipality should encourage people to build their houses in empty plots, to stop the breeding of rats.
- When planning to set a trap for a rat, everyone in the house should be informed of the actions that will take place.
- Place the poison during the night when the children are asleep and remove the poison before the children wake up.

**BE ALERT:** If you have a problem and you want to commit suicide, don't do it, you are not alone.

**These are numbers you can call:**

- **Life line: 08600 10111**
- **Child line: 08000 55555**
- **Depression and mood changes: 08600 78377**
- **Anxiety and depression: 011 783 1474**

The response to the rat poison consumption awareness campaign was very positive, especially the young ones who are prone to consuming the poison by mistake, and they understood exactly what the intended message was. Rat poison affects teenager's more than young children. Young people between the ages of 18-35 years use rat poison to commit suicide.

In the beginning of February, the campaign will resume, where the nurses will be visiting schools and churches around Amajuba District. This will be an ongoing campaign, aimed at informing and warning people about rat poison consumption





After years of service at the Madadeni Provincial Hospital, **Miss Ntokoze Valerie Ndaba** is still happy and willing to be the face of the organisation and assist wherever she can. Lets get to know her better.

- **WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?**

I am a friendly, honest and an approachable person. I love trying out new things and I have many creative ideas. I dislike people who pride themselves with incompetence and arrogance. I am down to earth, caring and loving. I treat others equally, I love my job and I am a hard worker.

- **WHAT INTERESTED YOU IN WORKING AS A RECEPTIONIST?**

When I was growing up at home, I used to take messages for my mom and write them down so that I won't forget who had called. As time went on, I attended at a tertiary institution where there was a lady by the name of Melan, who was a receptionist and secretary for our Dean. Melan was always in a good mood and looked good everyday. I told myself if she can do it, I also can. I was going to do what Melan was doing, ten times better. I changed the way I used to dress, (jeans, takkies, and cap) and started to dress more formally. I am proud to be the face of Madadeni Hospital.

## MEET THE FACE OF MADADENI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL

- **WHAT DID YOU STUDY IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS A RECEPTIONIST?**

Office management and Technology (Secretarial Course) at Vaal University of Technology.

- **WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO MADADENI HOSPITAL?**

I am currently a resident of Madadeni township and I was looking for a big Organisation to work for so I can learn new things and to interact successfully with many people of all races and cultures, so Madadeni hospital was my first choice.

- **WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE WHILE DOING YOUR JOB?**

I always have to remain professional at all times even when I have had a bad day, facing difficult clients, utilizing my time to meet deadlines and make some important decisions on my own.

- **WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE ASPIRATIONS?**

To be a office co-coordinator or a personal assistant.

- **WHAT BENEFICIAL LIFE LESSONS HAVE YOU LEARNT IN THE OFFICE?**

Be nice to people on your way up because you will meet them on your way down.

- **IS THERE ANY ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO FUTURE ASPIRING RECEPTIONISTS ?**

Yes. Firstly, they need to have a senior certificate which includes typing/computer skills, good telephone etiquette, ability to communicate well with people of different levels of work experience and different backgrounds. They must be friendly because first impressions last and must know at least 4 languages, because as a receptionist, you interact with people of different cultures and some might not understand English. .

- **IF YOU HAD TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL, WHAT WOULD YOU MISS MOST ABOUT IT?**

Everything

- **WHO IS THE MOST FASCINATING PERSON YOU MET WHILE WORKING AT THE HOSPITAL?**

Everyone is fascinating in their own special way, they all play a special role.





# Relive your frustrations and get motivated

Jabu grew up in Johannesburg but went to a law school in London. After his studies he decided to go back to Joburg, not only to work but to act big! He opened his new law office and when he saw the first person approaching, he decided to make a big impression on the guy. As the man came to the door, Jabu pretended to be on the phone as he rattled away: "No. Absolutely no. You tell those clowns in New York that I'm not traveling all the way that side for less than a million bucks

Yea. The appeals court has agreed to hear the case next week . I'll be handling the primary argument and the other members of my team will provide support. "Look I have to leave you now because there is a new client waiting for me."

All this time the man was waiting patiently, and after Jabu had put down the phone he said:"I'm sorry to keep you waiting, as you can see I'm very busy. What can I do for you?

The man said: "I'm from Telkom .....I've come to connect your phone."

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This is from a trial in the UK. A young woman who is several months pregnant boards a bus and takes her seat. When she notices a young man smiling at her she begins to feel embarrassed on account of her condition. She changes her seat and he seems even more amused. She moves again and then on her third move he bursts out laughing. She has him arrested for harassment. When the case comes before the court, the young man is asked why he acted in such a manner. He replies: "When the lady boarded the bus I couldn't help noticing she was pregnant. She sat under an advertisement which read: 'Coming Soon: The Gold Dust Twins'. I was even more amused when she sat under a shaving advert which read: 'William's Stick did the trick'. "Then I could not control myself any longer when on the third move she sat under an ad which read: 'Dunlop Rubber would have prevented this accident..' Case Dismissed!!

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Ten reasons why men prefer dogs to wives:

1 the later you are, the more excited your dog is to see you

- 2 dogs will forgive you for playing with other dogs.
- 3 You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready anytime.
- 4 Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
- 5 Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
- 6 Dogs do not hate their bodies
- 7 Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
- 8 Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk
- 9 Dogs like to go fishing and hunting
- 10 Dogs love you more when you have more dogs.

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## FEW WISE WORDS

- Hope smiles on the threshold of the year to come, whispering that it will be happier - Alfred Lord Tennyson
- Success is not the money you have in the bank, nor even the cars you have, but the number of people you have helped achieve success.— Josh Tackier
- One of the universe's great truths is that energy follows intention— unknown
- Pray for long life, but behave as though today is your last day on earth, - R.. A. J. Twerski
- I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand.— Conficius
- No person needs a smile more than the one who can longer smile back at you.– FE Greenberg

# MHLA SIKHUMBULA IMVELAPHI NAMAGUGU ETHU

## Kuloba u-B.V. Thwala

Umhlaka 2 October 2008, kwaku lusuku olungehlukile kwezinye izinsuku, kepha lolu suku lwalusho lukhulu kwizisebenzi zalesi sibhedlela. In-gani phela inyanga ka Mandulo( September) yin-yanga yokukhumbula amagugu, ngako ke lolusuku lwalubakhumbuza imvelaphi yabo, ngokwehlukana kwezinhlanga zabo. Ukungabi bikho kwesikhathi no-kunqubuzana kwezinhlelo zokusebenza yikhona ok-uphoqe ukuba lomcimbi wenziwe ngenyanga kaM-fumfu (October) esikhundleni sika Mandulo (September).

Izisebenzi zazibulala inyoka ehholo lesibhedlela, zi-hlobe ngemvunulo eveza ukwehlukahlukana kwez-inhlanga zakulelizwe. Phambilini lesi sibhedlela sa-saziwa njenge sibhedlela esigcwele uhlanga lwa-bamnyama kuphela, kodwa ngokuguquka kwezimo ezweni; lesi sibhedlela sesixube izinhlanga kusukela ezisebenzini kuze kufike ezigulini. Inhloso nqangi yalomcimbi ngokusho kwabahleli bawo, kwakuwuku-letha uzwano, ukwemukelana kanye nokwazana kancono kwizisebenzi zonkana. Kubalulekile ukuba nomunye azi isiko lomunye nemikhutshana eyenziwa ezinye izizwe.

Into eyathatha amehlo kakhulu kwaba izinkulumo ezathulwa ababemele izinhlanga ezikhona kulesib-hedlela. Izikhulumi ngokwehlukana kwazo zaziveza usikompilo lohlanga abalimele, isibonelo:

- Izinhlanga zibhekana kanjani nokushonelwa
- Iziphi izinhlobo zokudla ezingamagugu kubo
- Sitshengisana kanjani inhlonipho, nokunye okuningi okuchaphazela nakakhulu indawo yokusebenza.

Konke lokhu kwakwenzelwa ukuthi nomunye azok-wazi ukuqonda ukuthi kungani umuntu eziphatha ngendlela aziphatha ngayo eyehlukile komunye wol-nye uhlanga. Zikhulumile izinsizwa nezintokazi zishiyelala inkundla zigeqa amagula ngezifisa sik-wazi. Isikhulumi sasisukuma qede kunanele ihlombe nomlilizelo wena owabona kungena umlobokazi emzini wendoda.

Isikhulumi sosuku uDokotela V.S. Zulu oqhamuka emnyangweni wezemfundo, ebe futhi engumholi we-bandla ukhulume kakhulu ngokubaluleka kokwe-mukelana kwezinhlanga endaweni yomsebenzi. Ugx-ile kakhulu nasekunikezeni incazelo ephelele yama-gama olumu lwesingisi akhuluma ngokwehlukana kwamasiko, egcizelela ekutheni noma singehlukana kanjani ngamasiko nemikhuba yethu ngokobuzwe bethu, kodwa siqikekele ukuthi umsebe



### UDokotela V.S. Zulu owayeyisikhulumi sosuku em-cimbini wokhuqhakambisa amagugu esintu. Umcimbi wawenzelwe ehholo lesibhedlela sase Madadeni

nzi esiwenzayo ungaphazamiseki ngenxa yalokho, ngoba umkhiqizo awazi masiko futhi awunabuzwe nabulili.. Lom-layezo kwabalula ukuthi umukeleke futhi ungene kubantu ngoba uMageba ungesinye sezifundiswa esesisebenze nabantu abaningi ezindaweni eziningi aseke wasebenza kuzo, ikakhulukazi emazingeni okuphatha. Njengenjwayelo ke uMageba akayiqali inkulumo yakhe engaziphanga izethameli zakhe umucu owodwa ewuthatha emanonini ozwayo nje ukuthi waziqambela yena ke ingoma leyo.

Umphathi wohlelo uMnumzane Thami Makhanya, odume ngelika Mshini kubalaleli bakhe emsakazweni wendawo (Newcastle Community Radio), uwuqhube umcimbi ngobukhulu ubuciko lobu. Indlela abekhululeke ngayo ngaloluyasuku wawungekhohlwe nje engomunye wezisebenzi zalapha ekhaya. Umculo, imigido enhlobonhlobo, kuhlangu-ganisa nomdanso wase Ndiya okuyikona okwenza lom-cimbi waba nomhlabahloso, kanti nje nenjabulo eyayikhon-jiswa abantu yayenza umuntu abone ukuthi kade belifuna leliithuba abantu.

Into okufanele inconywe nakakhulu ukuthi phezu kokuba isimo sezimali sisibi ngalendlela emnyangweni wezempilo futhi singakuvumeli mpela ukubanjwa kwemcimbi ezodinga imali, izisebenzi zalapha ekhaya zanikela ngamandla azo nangemali nokudla ukuqinisekisa ukuthi kukhona okuya ngasethunjini ukuze kuthitshwe indlala. Yisenzo lesi esi-funa ukushayelwa ihlombe ngoba sitshengisa ubunye no-kubambisana okuyisimanga kubantu uma besebenza nda-wonye. Sengathi unganda lomoya wobunye, futhi sethembe ukuthi umcimbi olandelayo uyobe unokuningi okuwukuvuselela nokukhombisa ukuziqhenya ngamagugu ethu.

# MADADENI PROVINCIAL VERY HERITAGE ORIENTATED

“To know where you’re going , you must know where you’re coming from”



# Mums Got More Than They Bargained For!!

## By Ntando Jele

**E**very year, Madadeni Hospital hosts Mayors from Amajuba District and Newcastle Municipalities who usually come to present gifts to the infants born on Christmas day and new years day respectively. This has become an annual event by these two municipalities, and this also occurred on the 25th of December 2008, where the mayor of Newcastle, Mrs. Dube, came and paid a visit to the newly born baby and her delighted mother. Mbali Nkomo, who gave birth on Christmas day, at 00:30. She was blessed with a baby girl, who weighed 2,8Kg. A few hours into it's life, it had a big, cuddly hug from the mayor of Newcastle. The little girl was also presented with toys and clothes by the mayor, which her mother was very grateful for. The mayor didn't stop there, she went on to other children's wards like G 9,10 and 11 to present all the other children with gifts and wishing them a

quick recovery. The excitement was written all over the children's faces.

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 The spirit of giving didn't end there, on the 1st of January 2009, Madadeni Hospital welcomed a visit from the mayor of Amajuba District municipality Cllr. M.S. Mlangeni who visited the New Year's babies. Two babies were born on the day at almost the same time, as one was born at 01:40, the other one at 01:41; and they were both females. The mothers of these cute bundles of joy were Mpho Zitha, whose baby weighed 2,7Kg and Zandile Zondi's baby who weighed 3Kg.

These new year's babies both received gifts from the mayor

of Amajuba District. Gifts were also received by the other children in the maternity ward and the post-natal ward.

It was a joyous occasion and we can't wait for the next Christmas and new years babies to ensure a visit from our festive Angels.



Mbali Nkomo and the Mayor of Newcastle Mrs C. L. Dube



The Christmas baby 2008



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Back row: Matron Ngobese, Mr T.A Mtshali and Matron Motha Front row: His worship Mayor M S Mlangeni, of Amajuba District Municipality flanked by the mothers of the New Years babies, Mpho Zitha and Zandile Zondi

# MADADENI PROVINCIAL GOT A SURPRISE VISIT BY SANTA CLAUSE:

**Writes : Ntando Jele**

When it comes to keeping the children happy, Madadeni Provincial Hospital doesn't hold back, this is after the pediatric wards in conjunction with the Social work services and other external structures held a Christmas party for the orphaned children, a show these children will never forget.

This wonderful idea came from Sister Nandi Jele, who thought it would help cheer up these children. The Christmas party which was held at the end of November was inspired after observing that there are so many orphaned babies and children around the Amajuba District. Besides November being children's month, the staff wanted the children to feel loved and that they belong to the community.

Christmas was also around the corner, as it is a time for giving, the staff wanted to give the children presents, food and get a chance to play like other children do. All the speakers stressed on the importance for them to know and thanking God every day because He is the one who always make things possible for them, " Respect is the most important factor because no person will ever empathise with a disobedient child, a child who does not know how to talk to elders, who is arrogant and wild", says one speaker



The children that were invited to the party were selected from Madadeni, oSizweni and Newcastle. There were so many children; the staff had to take in a certain number. These children included those from the hospital and around the district. The children had a wonderful time and to their pleasant surprise, Santa Clause paid them a well deserved visit, and with him he brought a whole lot of presents which they were delighted to receive and took pictures with them. The Organisers were very pleased to see the party turning into a great success, which was great reward for their hard work.

This initiative received a whole lot of support from the community of Amajuba District, doctors, mortuary owners, businessmen around Newcastle. The Organisers would like to thank all the donors for making this day possible for these orphans. They donated items that ranged from sweets, food shoes, stationery and more other items that fitted the needs for all of them. Other people who play a very important role in the lives of these orphans are their guardians from homes and various others orphanages whom the speakers applauded.

The staff of Madadeni Provincial Hospital highly appreciated the donations and will be eternally grateful.

The pediatric wards would like to host another Christmas Party this year in order to encourage this tradition and make the children happy on a yearly basis and they would be grateful to get support from the above mentioned donors and any other donors who are willing to assist.



**"Some of the children who attended the party"**

# SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008 IN PICTURES.



**Mr. Z.M Tshabalala on his farewell day**



**Take a girl child to work 2008**



**Breast feeding awareness day**



**Chelmsford Primary school during the mental health awareness day held at Fairly Hall.**



**MEC of health and minibus accident victim.**



**Happy literacy day my fellow workers**



Dental awareness day at Thobani Primary School

Another health promoting school in Newcas-



Pediatric wards on a rat consumption awareness campaign.



Celebrating our heritage day



Our very own choir, giving us a splendid performance



Hospital manager Mr. T.A. Mtshali bids farewell to the Mayor Cllr. M.S. Mlangeni