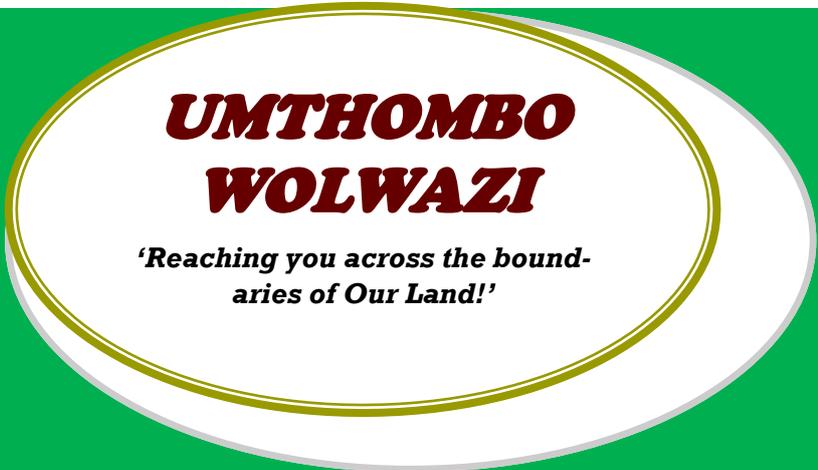




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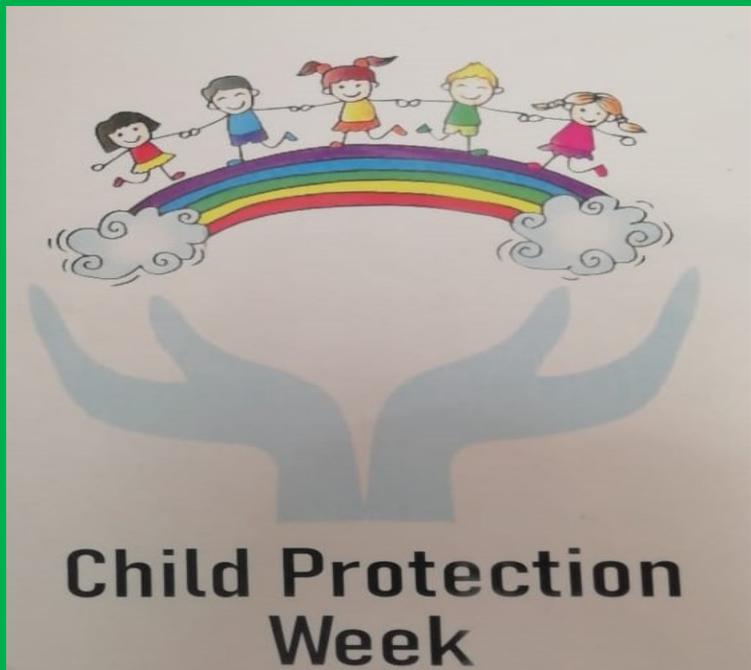


STAY INFORMED CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2023

MAY-JULY 2023

National Child Protection Week is commemorated in the country annually to raise awareness of the rights of children as articulated in the Constitution of the Republic of Africa and Children’s Act of No. 38 of 2005. The campaign is led by the Department of Social Development in partnership with key government departments and civil society organization rendering child protection services. Government calls on all South Africans to support Child Protection Week by ensuring that the most vulnerable in our society do not suffer abuse. It is in our hands to stop the cycle of neglect, abuse, violence and exploitation of children.

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital is actively participating in all activities related to Children’s Rights. It was for the reason the facility organized a Child Protection week. The theme of the day, “Let us protect Children during COVID-19 and Beyond”. The hall was packed to capacity, staff members came out in numbers to celebrate this day. Speakers on the day emphasized that we needed to protect our children’s for the rest of their lives. We will keep on protecting children here at Gandhi Hospital.



Children in South Africa live in a society with a constitution that has the highest regard for their rights and for equality and dignity of everyone. Protecting children from violence, abuse and exploitation is not only a basic value but also an obligation clearly set out in Article 28 of South African Constitution.



TEAM OF NURSES AND DOCTORS WORKING AT PAEDS WARD



Above & Below: Nurses and doctors who are working at Paeds ward, team up together to celebrate the “Child Protection Week event”. This is a type of team that exists in our facility.



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"LET US PROTECT CHILDREN DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND"



Above : These are some of the Nursing team and Porters who make sure that all is well in the ward and departments that house children at MGMH.

Below: Some of the doctors who have an undoubted love for children, they work hard to save kid's lives.



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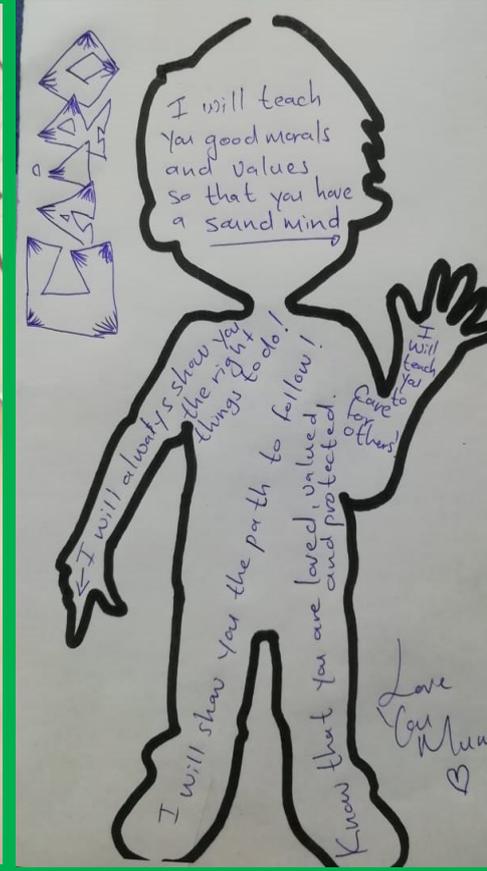
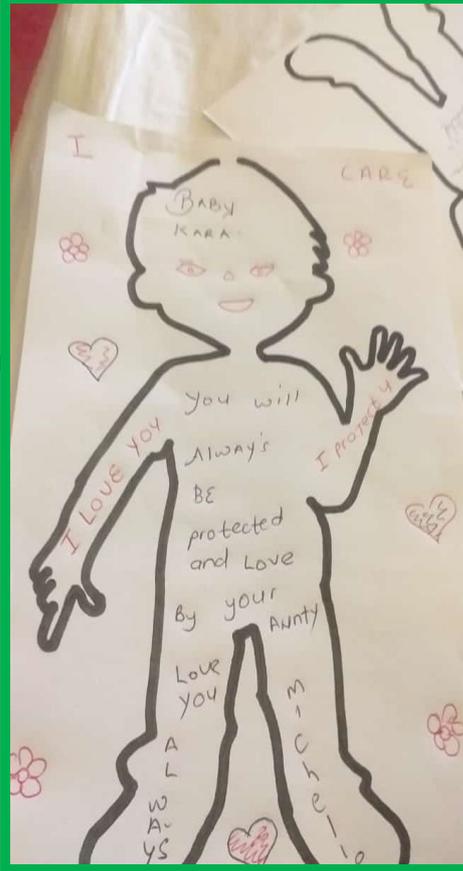
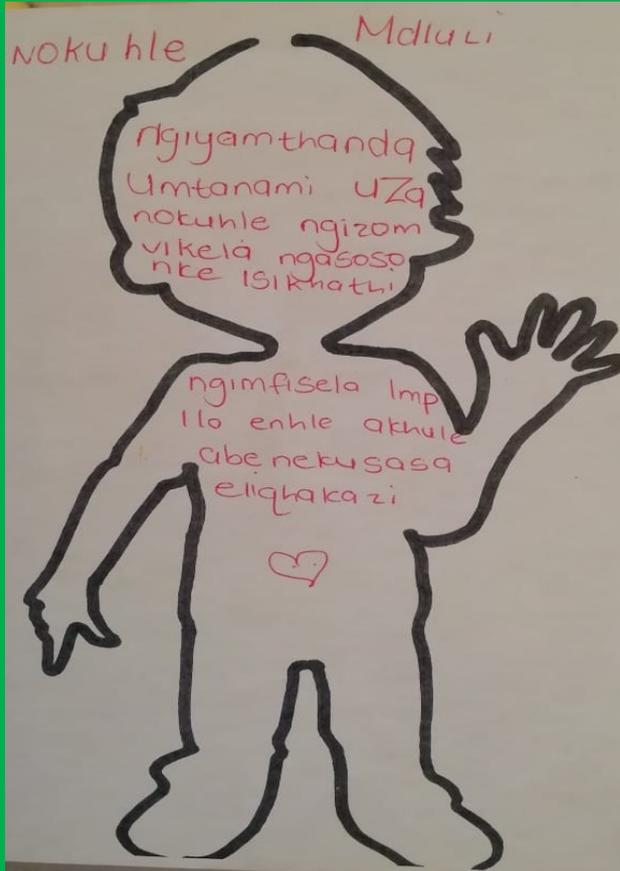


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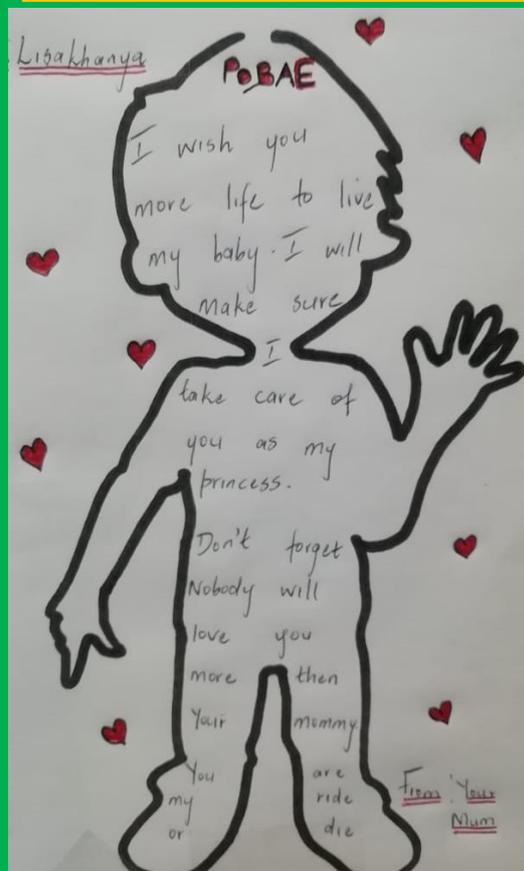
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PHOTO GALLERY



Above and below: These are the messages coming from the mothers of children that were admitted in the ward. They send different messages and also good wishes to their children. We wish them a speedy recovery and go back home to join the rest of their family members.



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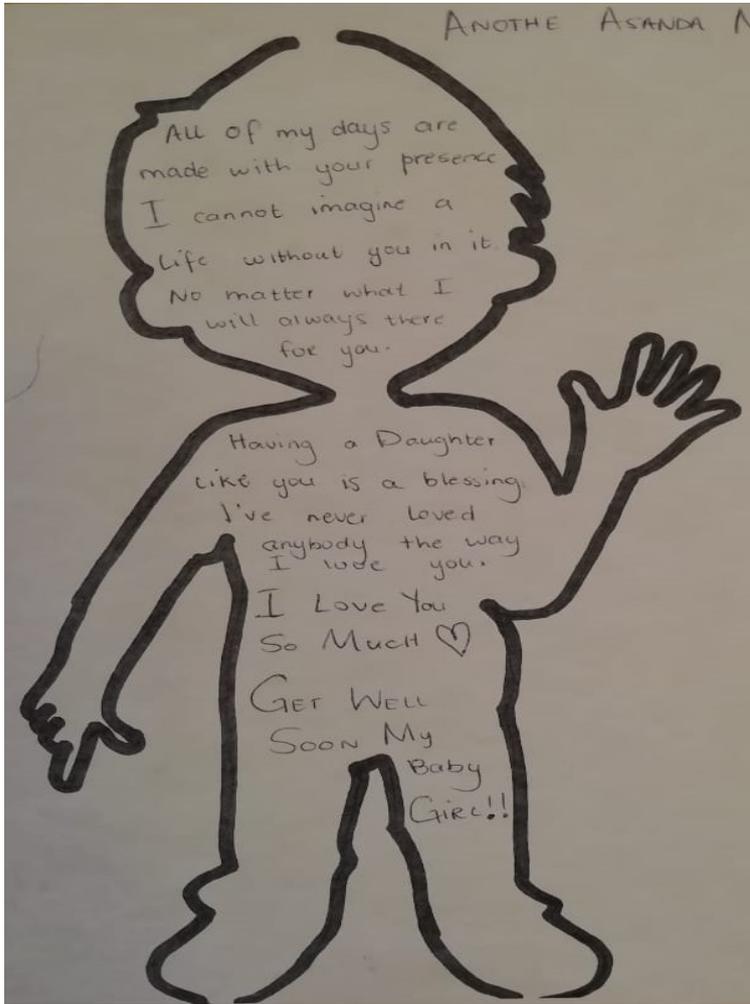


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CHILD PROTECTION WEEK



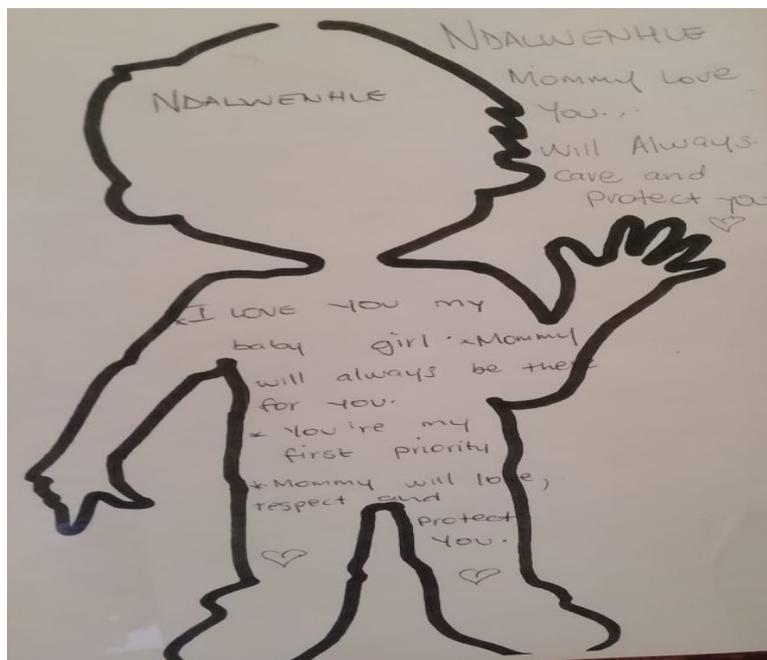
Below: Matron TJKhumalo from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, was captured addressing the staff and the mothers of the babies about the role of the in protecting children's rights

By shining a spotlight on this vital cause, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, strives to create a safer and more secure environment for children, ensuring their welfare and fostering a brighter future for them. Everyone who is working with children has a responsibility to keep children safe and protect them from harm. In other words, safeguarding children is everyone's role

Nurses are well placed to identify children and young people who may be at risk and to act to safeguard them. Nurses and other health professionals should be familiar with local referral arrangements, usually to chil-



Nurses play an important role to monitor the health of young patients and provide care and support throughout their treatment. They may administer childhood vaccination or immunizations and make sure that children keep up to date with their vaccination schedule. Every nurse should do a child abuse and neglect assessment when caring for the children and their families. It is very important to pay a close attention to some indicators that point to actual or potential abuse.



Gandhi Hospital, the safe place for children



Advocate Jerisha Soobramoney from the Magistrate court, was addressing the patients and staff about the Bill of Rights.

The inclusion in the Bill of Rights of a special section on the rights of the child was a special development for South African children, most of whom had suffered from apartheid for many years. Some had been detained without trial, tortured and assaulted, some face discrimination in health care, education and other areas.

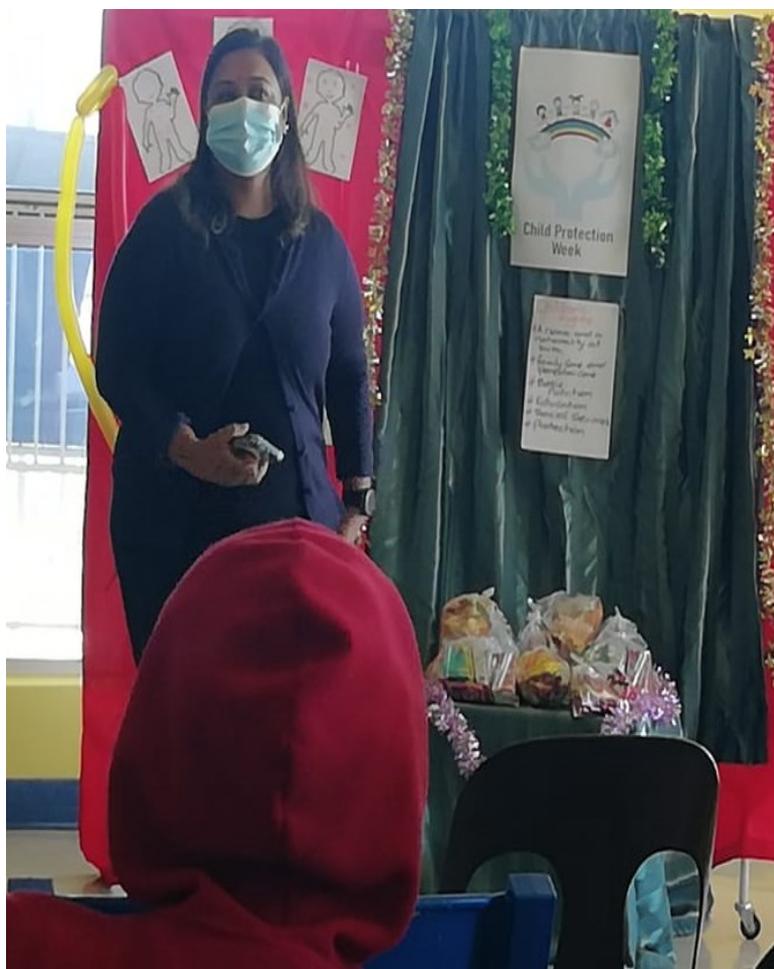
Children need special protection because they are amongst the most vulnerable members of society. They are dependent on others, their parents and families or the State if these fail for care and protection. As a result the drafters of the Constitution have made the children's rights a priority and have stated that the best interest of a child is overriding concern when it comes to any matter affecting him or her

A child is a young person who is between infancy and puberty. It is a person who has not yet reached an age of majority.

Child protection week is commemorated in the country to raise awareness of the rights as articulated in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and Children's Act (Act No.8 of 2005). rights of children are a subset of human rights with particular attention to the rights of special attention and care afforded to the minors. Children's rights include the right to Health, education, family life, play and recreation, an adequate standard of living and to be protected from abuse and harm.

Children's Rights cover their development and age appropriate needs that change over time as a child grows up

Ms.....said every child has the right to a name and nationality from birth. Family care or parental care, or to appropriate alternative care when removed from family environment. Basic nutrition, shelter, basic health care services. Be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation





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Tea Break at Gandhi Hospital

UMHLANGA HINDU SOCIETY gave away 250 free sandwiches to nurse at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital in May. The event took place at Gandhi Hospital on the 30th of May 2023. It was a nice get together. All staff members were enjoying the tea together. It was one of the team building strategies, because if you work together and understand each other as a team, there will be no silos, everything will go well without any complaints received,



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PASS OVER SERVICE CONTINUES



Above and Below: Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital gathered together at the facility dining hall to have tea and sandwiches provided by the Umhlanga Hindu Society.



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