

JULY 2011

MANDELA DAY !!

Following the success of Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday celebrations in London's Hyde Park in June 2008, it was decided that there could be nothing more fitting than to celebrate Mr. Mandela's birthday each year with a day dedicated to his life's work and that of his charitable organisations, and to ensure his legacy continues forever.

The Mandela Day campaign message is simple: Mr. Mandela gave 67 years of his life fighting for the rights of humanity. All we are asking is that everyone gives 67 minutes of their time, whether it's supporting your chosen charity or serving your local community.

We at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital ensured that we commemo



MPL MR OMIE SINGH VISITED THE PEADIAIATRIC DEPT. IN THE SPIRIT OF MANDELA DAY

rated Mandela Day with pride and joy. Various activities were executed which included an outreach to Phoenix Plaza –where HCT (HIV Aids Counseling and Testing) was offered to Shoprite employees.

Internally, Members of Management left their comfort zone to take up different roles to assist with patient care. This is where we saw our Systems Manager working as a porter, the Nursing Manager doing ward rounds as a nurse, our Acting CEO and Medical Manager offered their expertise as GP's. Amongst others who participated during the day were members of staff, private organizations and members of 'Friends of Gandhi.'

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ACTING CEO, DR. P. DAYARAM CONSULTING IN MOPD



NURSING MANAGER, MS P.G NKOSI WORKED IN WARD 1



STAFF OF MTN CAME TO SPEND TIME WITH KIDS IN WARD 8



MR DUMAKUDE, ASSISTED WITH PORTERING DUTIES IN MOPD



STAFF OF PHILAKAHLE CONDUCTED HCT AT THE PHOENIX PLAZA

FAREWELL LONDEKA

The pediatric staff of ward 8 recently bid farewell to their dear patient, Londeka, 2 years who was abandoned by her father in October last year. The HIV positive baby girl was admitted to the hospital in a critical state and was diagnosed with chronic lung diseases which caused difficulty in breathing.

Unlike the other children in the ward, she was unfortunate not to have family members to visit her, play with her or care for her. Through the lack of family attention, the staff at ward 8 assumed parenthood by seeing to her needs through donations of warm clothes and toys amongst other necessary items. Through her sweet and loving nature, she became the daughter of Ward 8 capturing everyone's heart to an extent that some staff wished to adopt her.

However staff continued with the tracing of Londeka's family members as numerous attempts to contact her father were all in vain. Through perseverance amongst staff member such as Nurse Dube and Mr Mkhize from Philakahle, they were able to trace Londeka's mom who later made arrangements to come see her daughter. She was overwhelmed and excited to get an opportunity to mother her daughter since her guardian aunt had denied her that right.

According to Londeka's mother, she released her daughter to the care of the father's family and was unaware of the child's wellbeing.

As she arrived to be admitted as a boarder mother in June, Londeka slowly warmed up to the idea of having someone to call 'mom' and they have since built a strong bond from their meeting in the hospital.

After the discharge of the mother and baby, they decided to live with the baby's father in hopes of warm home. Unfortunately their stay did not leave much to be desired however; Londeka and mom have since a new home at Nurse Dube's house.

According to staff they are glad to report that Londeka and mother are now consistently bonding with each other as she awaits her results of Paramedics studies.

Londeka continues to collect monthly treatment at MGMH and has made remarkable progress from her initial condition.

Arrangements have been made for the social work dept to visit mother and to check on their wellbeing.

The staff of Ward 8 wishes Londeka and mother the best.

Londeka will always be loved and missed



STAFF OF WARD 8 HOSTED A FAREWELL PARTY FOR LONDEKA

WARM WELCOME



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WE WISH TO WELCOME ALL OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE NURSES INTO THE MGMH FAMILY. WE HOPE YOUR STAY WILL BE A PLEASANT ONE .

THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS JOINED US A MONTH AGO.

THEY HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO OFFER THEIR EXPERTISE.

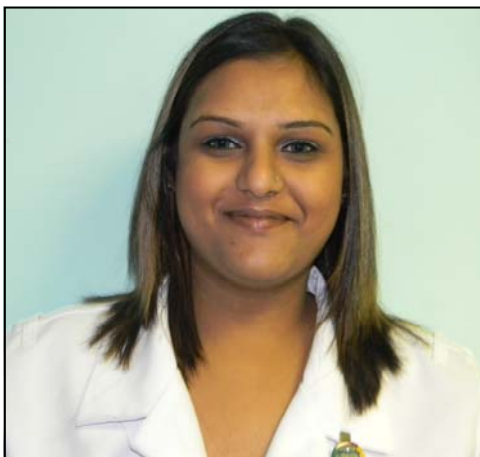
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**THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS
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ENA'S TO STAFF NURSES –
THROUGH PRIVATE STUDIES.**

**GONGRATULATION ARE IN ORDER,
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!**



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**MS Z. GWACELA (FOOD SERVICE
MANAGER**



MS. N. DE-ABREU