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Mayors welcome Xmas babies at Newcastle Hospital



Mayor of Newcastle Local Municipality Cllr Makhosini Nkosi and the Mayor of Amajuba Municipality Cllr Musa Ngubane have reinstated the call that all pregnant mothers should attend antenatal clinics according to schedule in order to ensure early detection of any potential health risk for themselves and their new unborn babies.

They were speaking at Newcastle Regional Hospital on Christmas day where they welcomed 15 new babies. In the true Christmas spirit of giving both Mayors handed over gifts including baby clothes, nappies and blankets to

all the Christmas Day babies sponsored by Clicks Store of Newcastle. Cllr Ngubane who is a doctor by profession said not attending Antenatal clinic makes delivery very risky. He further said early attendance of antenatal clinics is critical for early detection and management of health challenges. This helps improve the outcome of pregnancy.

He also said it is worrying that one mother who delivered in Newcastle Hospital was 16 years old. "We are always concerned when you people fall pregnant at a young age because it is very unsafe." said Cllr Ngubane



Pictured on the left is Cllr Makhosini Nkosi Mayor of Newcastle Local Municipality talking to one of the young mothers who delivered twins. He also called on young people to either abstain from sex or use dual contraception in order to avoid unplanned or unwanted pregnancies.

Speaking to some young mothers in the hospital Cllr Nkosi said it worries him a lot not see the fathers of some of the babies that were born on Christmas, because it means these mothers are now having to look after the babies alone.

“Yes, the baby is the gift from God, but you should all as young mothers learn from the mistakes that you have committed this year. I'm not expecting to see any of you in this hospital next year. I'm also begging all of you to make sure that you go back to school and complete your Grade 12 in order to have a great future” said Cllr Nkosi

He urged all the young mothers to warn their peers outside the hospital not get pregnant because they will be also be damaging their future. Cllr Nkosi then concluded by wishing the mothers and their new babies a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year .



Representatives from Clicks Stores in Newcastle listening attentively to the two Mayors during a short briefing

**16
Days**

**Of
Activism**



In South Africa violence against women and children is very rife, hence Newcastle Hospital Social Services and Crisis Centre conducted an Awareness Campaign around this subject.

On the 2nd December 2017 they had tables in front of the Crisis Centre with pamphlets on various topics. Their main objective of the day was to approach and talk to all patients that are registering their children at the Home Affairs office within the hospital premises.

This campaign was supported by the Newcastle Child Welfare as well as Newcastle SANCA.

Their talks covered mainly gender based violence, human trafficking, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, rape and child abuse.

Giving the purpose of the day Ms. N.S. Nxumalo from the Hospital Social Services said it is important for them to conduct campaigns of this nature because nine out of ten children are raped or abused by the people they know. "It is heartbreaking to hear a child saying that she was raped by her uncle. That is why we are here to give them information on how to behave in the community in order for them to be safe" she concluded

Doctors shine on Quality Day



Dr B. Mahlaba (Paeds Specialist) receiving her certificate of recognition from the CEO of the hospital Mrs. T.B.T.Sakyi



Dr Diaz (MO for Paeds Wards) and Dr Bal - Mayel (MO for NICU) were among those that were recognized. Below is Dr Ndllovu from (POPD), Dr Shezi, Dr Mthethwa (Paeds) and Dr Sondezi (NICU) who also received certificates of recognition during the celebration of Quality Day at Newcastle Regional Hospital.





Dr A.M.E.T. Tshabalala (District Director of Amajuba District) delivering her speech on the day of the event

Newcastle Regional Hospital doctors dominated the 2017 Quality Day event that held in College Hall in November.

Noticeable during the event is that each component had one doctor who received a certificate of recognition. Delivering her speech Dr A.M.E.T Tshabalala said quality is not only for the nurses and doctors but it is for everyone working in the hospital.

“Security personnel at the gate, general orderlies, clerks and grounds men should exhibit a high level of quality work in their various components” she said

Dr Tshabalala further said she hope that even the number of complaints received by the hospital will drastically go down.

“Recognition usually go to those people who are seriously dedicated to their work. What I saw today is really amazing because this event was dominated by the doctors from different components, which is a rare thing. This gives me hope that our patients will be in good hands going forward” she concluded.

Sr. F Louw (Quality Manager) in her closing thanked all the managers and the staff members who attended the event

and encouraged all those who received the trophies and the certificates to keep on working hard to improve service delivery.

“It is now your responsibility to challenge your colleagues in your different components so that they are not left behind. We are all here for the patient therefore we all need to work together as a team. You should make sure that next year its not you but someone from your component. She said

In the end all attendees enjoyed good food and the drinks of high quality, with the Dj playing some nice music in the background.



Umhlaba wonke ubumbene kwesikashukela



UDkt M. Gumede iNhloko esabambile eMnyangweni wezeMpilo, uMnu. M. Zungu isikhulu kowezeMpilo, uDkt. Mamosa Tshabalala uMqondisi eMnyangweni wezeMpilo eMajuba District, uNgqongqoshe wezeMpilo KwaZulu-Natal uDkt Sbongiseni Dhlomo kanye noNkosikazi kaMongameli uMama uMangema-Zuma

Isifo sikashukela ngokwezeMpilo sibalwa kanye nezinye eziyingozi enkulu emhlabeni jikelele. Ngomhlaka 14 November 2017 umhlaba wonke wawubungaza futhi uqwashisa ngalelisifo esibulalal buthule.

UNgqongqoshe wezeMpilo KwaZulu Natali uDkt Sbongiseni Dhlomo uhambele indawo yase-Newcastle (eMadadeni) ukuyoqwashisa abuye akhulume kabanzi ngobungozi besifo sikashukela, kanti kulomkhankaso ubehambasana noyibamba leNhloko yoMnyango uDkt M. Gumbe kanye noNkosikazi kaMongameli wezwe uNksz Mabhida-Zuma noyinhlu laso isifo sikashukela.

Ngaphambi kokwethula inkomo yakhe kube nenhlalaluhide behamba namalunga omphakathi bezungeza maphakathi nelokishi laseMadadeni bephethe

izingqwembe ezinemibhalo

ehlukahlukene mayelana nobungozi besifo sikashukela.

Etendeni elikhulukazi ebelixunyekwe budebuduzane nesikole samabanga aphantsi iSthobelumthetho Primary School uNgqongqoshe ukhuthaze kakhulu amalunga omphakathi ukuba adle ukudla okunempilo nomsoco babuye bazivocavoce ukuze behlale bephila.

“Ngijabule kakhulu ukubona abantu abadala bezibandakanya nathi kulenhlalaluhide ebesinayo. Lokho kungitshengisa ngokusobala ukuthi bayayikhathalela impilo yabo” kubeka uNgqongqoshe

Ube esephetha ngokunxusa intsha ukuba ibe wusizo kubantu abadala emakhaya ikhulukazi labo asebe-philile nalezifo ezibizwa ngamahlalakhona.

World AIDS Day at eMadlangeni in Pictures



When the world was commemorating World AIDS Day, the political champion of Amajuba District Dr S.M. Dhlomo was at eMadlangeni Municipality to spread the word about this deadly disease. He was accompanied by the mayor of Amajuba District Cllr Musa Ngubane who is wearing a yellow shirt in the picture. Below are the members of the community who came in numbers to listen to various speakers talking about HIV/AIDS. Pastors and Reverends from different churches also attended



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