

St Aidans Mission Regional Hospital

Special Update Bulletin

November 2008

St. Aidans partnered with Sathya Sai Sudha Foundation to improve access cataract surgery.

The recently appointed Hospital Board partnered with Sathya Sai Sudha Foundation to improve access to cataract surgery services. This one day exercise brought back sight of about 20 St Aidans Mission Regional Hospital patients who were on the waiting list for cataract surgery. This is in addition to the 104 patients who benefited from Vodacom Cataract Marathon Surgery conducted in October this year at our hospital.

The Saturday of the 15th November 2008 was unusually busy; 20 patients on the waiting list of St Aidans for cataract surgery were operated on and gained their sight to lead a quality life. This day was made possible with the sponsorship of the surgical consumables to the value of **R20 000** by Sathya Sai Sudha Foundation. This foundation also provided staff with breakfast and lunch on the day. This organization has committed to provide this support for the whole year. Arrangements are yet to be finalized with the hospital board.

Our hospital staff namely

doctors, nurses, admission clerks and porters volunteered to work even though this day was their pay day to make sure that this project succeeded. "Keep it up St Aidans Team! This act reflects your patriotism for our country" said Mr. Shezi, CEO with excitement for the accomplishment for the day. City Hospital also seconded staff to assist on the day. "A big thank you to City Hospital Management, and staff; this is real resource sharing for the benefit of our needy citizens. We will appreciate this venture again in the future to improve access to health care service irrespective of whether our citizens can afford or not" Said Mr. Shezi. We also acknowledge the assistance from Dr Ballim, and Dr Khan from Umhlanga Hospital who also volunteered their service.

The hospital board members were physically present to support management and staff. "I am extremely excited and motivated by St Aidans Team and our sponsors, Sathya Sai Sudha Foundation.

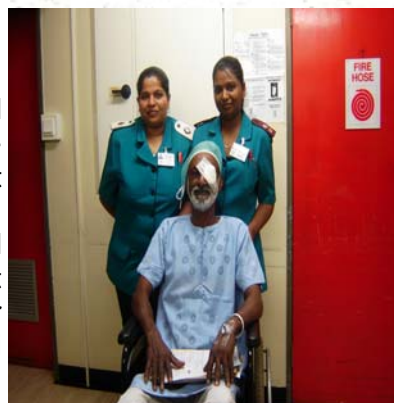
This is our first initiative as the hospital board, more is to come. On behalf of the Hospital Board I thank the foundation for partnering with us especially these days when resources are shrinking and the demand for health service is rising sharply. We hope this partnership is yet to achieve more results in the future. A special thank you to staff for your hard work, dedication, and compassion you demonstrated throughout the day. St Aidan's Management it is a pleasure indeed to work with you. We appreciate your openness to ideas and the innovative strategies you employed for the success of this project." Said Mr. Shozi, Hospital Board Chairperson.



From the right Mr. I.S.Cele, Mr M. Shozi, Mrs. M. Langenberg, Mr K.P. Khanyile St Aidan's Hospital Board



Members of the Sathya Sai Sudha Foundation



From the right is an excited patient who has just finished his surgeon. Next pic a cataract surgery is about to take.

Good bye St Aidan's Team

My association with you was too short than I anticipated. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to lead you and for your openness to new ideas and changes. It is unfortunate that I have leave this institution before the realization of our goals.

I have confidence on our management team that against all odds it will rise up to the challenges to make St Aidans the centre of excellence where best practices can be benchmarked and be propagated in the department. This can still be achieved through your commitment and dedication. **"The difference between the impossible and possible lies in a person's determination"** - Tommy Lasorda.



Mr M.B Shezi saying good by to St Aidan's Hospital

Special thanks to all staff for the positive attitude, compassion and dedication you have demonstrated during my tenure. If you are to change, please change for the best. **"Success will not lower to us.**

"We must raise our standards to success"- Rev. Randall R. McBride, Jr.

Lastly I thank the Hospital Board members for acceding to the MEC's call during my tenure. The standards that the board has set must maintained if not improved.

In conclusion please always keep this in mind for all your endeavors **"We must not, in trying to think a big difference, ignore the small daily difference we can make, which over time add up to a big difference that we cannot foresee."** -Marian Wright Edelman. Thank you.

Launch of glaucoma support group

Compliance with hospital treatment to every sick person. In the light of this our eye clinic staff have established a support group to provide support to our patients suffering from this condition. This support group will provide a avenue for group empowerment through health education about this condition by our staff and peer education will also be promoted during this interaction exercise. An outreach training programme for PHC staff is currently being planned to improve access

**"IMPILO
IYASETSHENZELWA"
Kusho umnyango**

Date: 03 December 2008

Time: 09h00

Venue: St Aidan's Church Hall

Request: All clinics who have patients suffering from this condition on their register are requested to encourage such patients to attend this launch.

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