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Nursing Manager's Farewell

On 30 May 2018 the institution bid farewell to one of its senior managers: Mrs. Zondi (Nursing Manager). Mrs Zondi worked at the institution from 2012 as a Nursing Manager and had made some positive strides in patient care, service delivery and in her leadership role.

"You were leading the team as the head of the institution when there was no Chief Executive Officer (CEO); the management skills you possess; no one will take it away from you" said Miss. Ndlovu (CEO).

Miss Ndlovu, in her speech, also spoke of Mrs Zondi's capabilities; stating that she came at a time when there were elements of disarray and the institution was in dire need for a unifier and someone who would help to change the general mentality that prevailed at the time.

Mrs. Zondi was praised for her dedication to her work; and words by an unknown author were quoted:

"Sometimes people come into your life for a moment, a day or a lifetime. It matters not the time they spent with you but how they impacted your life in that time".

"Wherever I work: I always try to bring positive change"

The CEO said "You may depart from us physically, but you leave footprints for us to continue to walk on". She further thanked Mrs. Zondi for her significant input towards the management of the institution and the value of time she spent with staff. "We believe that you will continue to impact the lives of those you will meet as you continue in this joinery called life." said Miss Ndlovu

The Nursing Manager from Fort Napier Hospital (Mrs. T. Ngcobo), in her speech, attested to the qualities that the CEO mentioned about Mrs. Zondi; stating that she was an academic who always sought to share her knowledge with other people. Mrs. Ngcobo also mentioned that Mrs. Zondi was an assertive and vocal member of the uMgungundlovu Nursing Forum and that her qualities and attributes would be missed.

"I want to appreciate all that has been done for me today and over the years in this facility; but in my heart; I thank the Lord" said Mrs. Zondi. In her speech she likened herself to a caterpillar (motor grader) that is transported to a certain area and is used to build roads such that they are suitable for cars to be driven on them. Once the job is done, this machine, will always be moved to another area to "create" a road where there was none. "Wherever I work, I always try to bring positive change"

Mrs Zondi encouraged staff to continue to work hard. "Mental Health Care Users at this institution are very special; so God has qualified us to be good stewards where the care of these patients is concerned" said Mrs. Zondi. She thanked staff that supported her during difficulties when she lost her brother and mother. "My umbilical cord will always be at Umgeni Hospital, I am just a phone call away when I am needed".

Umgeni Hospital Bids Farewell to Mrs Zondi





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ietermaritzburg's Royal Agricultural Show is the continent's largest mixed exhibition, incorporating a fully-fledged agricultural component facility which is open, friendly and relaxed with a charm and ambience of its own!

Umgeni Hospital Occupational Therapy Department sends its hand crafts made by Mental Health Care User's for entry in the Royal Agricultural Show's Craft Section. This is to display the Users' craft and showcase their extraordinary talent.

A group of talented Users from Umgeni Hospital called the Unforgettable Band, plays instrumental music at the KFC River Stage of the Royal Agricultural Show. This is all thanks to Ms. Shelley Kreinacke from Cainito (Conferencing and Event organisers), who plans all the activities for the KFC River Stage. The Unforgettable Band played at River Stage from 29 May to 01 June 2018. Their music is enjoyed by scholars as they visit this prestigious annual event. The River Stage includes a mix of informative entertainment and educational sessions such as shark dissections conducted by the Natal Sharks Board.

The Friends of Umgeni (FoU) has over the years sponsored MHCUs to attend the show by paying their entrance fees and providing spending money; and 2018 was no different. The Management would like to thank the FoU for their continuous support and generosity in orientating MHCUs with the outside world through their offerings and resources.

Pictures for The Royal Show



Users at the Natal Sharks Board information desk



To spend the pocket money, Users shop around in different stalls.

This User was benefitting from the demonstration of a product used to clean takkies instead of washing them with water..

Hand-Washing Day



From left: Miss. N. Ndlovu and Sr. Hlela displaying the banner with the theme

World Hand Hygiene Day (5 May) was celebrated on the 02 May 2018 at Umgeni Hospital since 05 May fell on a Saturday. The reason for celebrating the day during the week was also involve as much staff as possible during this critical day for a health facility.

The 2017 theme, which was: **“It is in your hands, prevent sepsis in health care setting”** was promoted through educational material and supported by hand-washing awareness activities in all wards and departments.

World Hand Hygiene day was conducted in the form of a relay event hosted by Ward 1, as a central venue. All wards, sections and departments were invited to participate.

Thank you to Sister Hlela who worked tirelessly in the absence of Sister Manser (Infection Control Practitioner), to ensure that the celebration is a success.

“It is in your hands;
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Hand-Washing Day in Pictures



EMPLOYEE WELLNESS



From left: Miss. Ndlovu (CEO) receiving the trophy from Mr. Diedricks after Soccer Team obtained position two during the uMgungundlovu District League Launch



On 20 April 2018, uMgungundlovu Health District League 2018/2019 was launched. The sports event was held at A.B. Jackson Sports Grounds in Pietermaritzburg. The Acting District Human Resource Manager (Miss. N. Zwane) opened the games and encouraged employees to be committed to this healthy lifestyle initiative by the Department, established to ensure the physical and overall wellness of all employees.

This was the second time uMgungundlovu District organized the launch of the league at the beginning of a new season. The games took the whole day but due to challenges with lighting, the final between Umgeni and Edendale Hospitals was postponed to another date.

The two teams played the final on 24 April 2018 at Makro Soccer Grounds in Pietermaritzburg. The game ended with a 0:0 draw at extra time and proceeded to penalties. Unfortunately Umgeni Hospital lost and therefore obtained position 2.

The Management is proud of all the players for their dedication in this healthy lifestyle initiative and wishes them well throughout the 2018/19 league.

Employee Wellness Day: 25 April 2018



Different services during staff wellness day





Umgeni Hospital soccer team after receiving their trophy

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