



CTK Nurses Day Event

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Christ The King Hospital Nursing Staff

Christ The King Hospital hosted an International Nurses' Day event on the 12th of May 2023 at the hospital's assembly point.

The purpose of this event was to commemorate and honor the nursing staff for their undying hard work and dedication in the healthcare system.

Nurses from Ubuhlebezwe Sub-District were all invited to celebrate this prestigious event.

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International Nurses' Day is celebrated annually on 12 May, the anniversary of the founder of modern day nursing, Florence Nightingale's birthday. As the largest healthcare profession in the world, there is no doubt that nurses are key to the achievement of the Millennium Developmental Goals. Nurses are often the only health professionals accessible to many people in their lifetime. So nurses are particularly well placed and often the most innovative in reaching underserved and disadvantaged populations. Nurses are educated to understand the complex nature of maintaining health and wellness, and the impact of psychosocial and socio-economic factors such as poverty, unemployment and ethnicity. They see the context for wellbeing and accordingly act in way to reach beyond the immediate presenting problems.

Whatever the setting, wherever the location, whomever the patient, the one thing all nursing staff have in common, is their unwavering commitment to make a difference to people's lives. Not just to their patients, but to their patients' families and loved ones too. Three years on since the start of the COVID-19

pandemic, nurses continue to work in extremely challenging circumstances. Yet despite this, their patients remain their priority; and for that, Christ The King Hospital hosted this event to honour them.

'Our Nurses. Our Future', the theme for 2023 is a global campaign which sets out what it is wanted for nursing in the future in order to address the global health challenges and improve global health for all. Nurses need to learn from the lessons of the pandemic and translate these into actions of the future.

Mrs Gaqa, Operational Manager Nursing from Gateway Clinic opened with a moving prayer to set the mood for the whole event. Mrs Getyengana, Clinical Programme Coordinator - Quality Assurance who was the master of ceremonies for this event reminded all the nurses present what it means to be a nurse. She encouraged them to take pride and respect their profession. Mrs Zondeka, Clinical Programme Manager - Infection, Prevention and Control was responsible for the purpose of the day. She reminded all the nurses about the history of the profession as part of

encouraging them to work even harder to preserve the nursing profession.

There was a praise and worship session before Mr Zipho Mkhize, Enrolled Nurse at Gateway Clinic was tasked to give a motivational sermon to encourage nurses to continue giving their all and going an extra mile when helping patients.

Mrs Maseko, Chief Executive Officer opened her keynote address with a quote from MEC for Health Ms Nomagugu Simelane's nurses' day speech *"You are the strongest pillar of our healthcare system, and usually the first port of call for our patients"* since she wanted to continue encouraging nurses to commit themselves in their work. Ms Mthembu, Deputy Manager Nursing did the coordination of the nurses' pledge where she urged nurses to respect their profession and take pride in wearing their uniform.

The event was sponsored by Old Mutual and Sanlam. Mr Staedtler from Old Mutual thanked the nurses for always helping patients in need since they are the first point of contact in the healthcare system. There were different gifts from the sponsors that were given to the attendees of the event.

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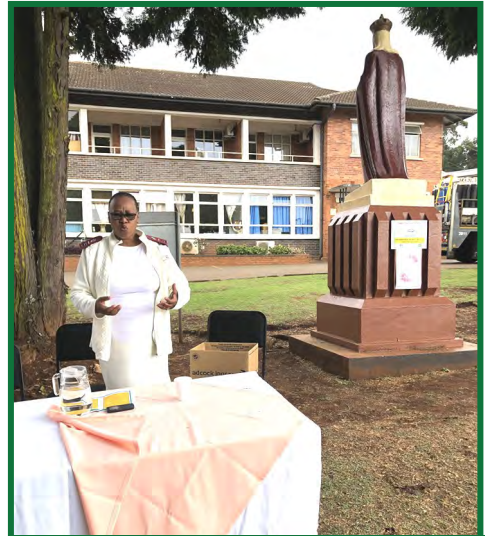
PHOTO GALLERY



Mrs Maseko - Chief Executive Officer



Mr Mkhize giving his sermon



Mrs Getyengana, MC



Mrs Zondeka with the purpose of the day



Mrs Gaqa opening with prayer



Ms Mthembu coordinating the nurses pledge



Nurses reciting their pledge



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PHOTO GALLERY



Nurses dancing during a praise and worship session



Nurses with their gifts courtesy of our sponsors



Nurses reciting their pledge



Mr Staedtler from Old Mutual giving Ms Mthembu her gift



Gifts from Old Mutual



Representatives from Sanlam and their sponsored gifts



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