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WORKING TOGETHER 2 SAVE OUR CHILDREN

CHILD PROTECTION MARCH



Staff members and members of the public participated in a march organized to create awareness on child protect.

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"WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT CHILDREN"

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National Child

Protection Week (CPW) is commemorated in the country annually to raise awareness of the rights of children as articulated in the Children's Act of 2005. The campaign that began in 1997 also aims to mobilise all sectors of society to ensure the care and protection of children. The campaign is led by the Minister of Social Development; however it is incumbent on all of us to play a role in protecting children and creating a safe and secure environment for them.

This year the CPW is commemorated from 27 May to 2 June 2013. The theme for this year's campaign is "Working Together to Pro-

tect Children" The campaign was launched on 27 May 2013 at the Inkosi Albert Lutuli International Convention Centre in Durban, followed by the opening of an Orphans, Vulnerable Children and Youth Conference on the same day.

On 27 May the message of protecting vulnerable children was brought to life by a symbolic mass awareness campaign which involved ships sounding their horns, followed by police and emergency vehicle blaring their sirens, and taxi drivers and the public hooting in solidarity.

At the same time, the public was encouraged to brandish umbrellas and blow whistles.

The umbrella symbolises protection and the giving of shelter and whistle blowing is synonymous with sounding an alarm. The focus of the CPW 2013 is furthermore on sensitising communities and families about children's rights.

Christ The King Hospital Gateway clinic lauded the call by organizing a march to raise awareness about the importance of protecting children from any kind of abuse. The march took place on the 28th of May 2013. Staff members were out in their numbers to add their voices in the chorus to 'save children and save our future'. Speeches were delivered to educate the public about child protection.

Apart from the march, there were stage-plays and talks

