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## *GJ CROOKES HOSPITAL SHOWED THE UTMOST CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS*



Sbu Maphumulo talking on matters related to HIV/AIDS

On Friday the 5th of July 2013, GJ Crookes Hospital held a campaign where the main focus people were senior citizens. The campaign led by Zandile Ngcobo, social worker and Sr hospital's Siyanakekela Crisis Centre was named Caring for the elderly, caring for our roots programme.

Senior Citizens are the custodians of our communities; we depend on them for advice and guidance; for telling us and our children fairy tales; for love, care and warmth; for making us laugh and for keeping our families strong. But recent shameful activities in our communities have been happening consequently to them. They get mugged, raped by people as young as their grandchildren, they are abused to give up their pension money to feed the urges of their drug-addicted children and grandchildren, they are victims of planned crimes and get fooled by people who promise to invest their money instead utilise the money for themselves, they even become victims of the brutalities of mashonisas.

The Social Services and Crisis Centre departments so a need to celebrate adulthood and ensure the attendants who were senior citizens from different areas how much they are loved and how to protect themselves from social evils. They were also given information on health issues associated with senior people like diabe-

tes, high blood pressure, obesity, arthritis and cancer. SAPS representatives also emphasized the importance of keeping our communities safe and that senior people, especially females; should never be left alone in communities.

All attendants received sponsored jerseys and sleepers to keep them warm during the cold winter season.



Some of the hospital team with some of the attendants after the event, wearing and holding the sponsored gifts



Captain Ntokozo Ngcobo and Mzo Mahlawe from Scottburgh SAPS speaking on safety measures