



GJ CROOKES HOSPITAL MANDELA DAY ACTIVITIES 2013

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GJ CROOKES WENT MANDELA DAY CRAZY

GJ Crookes hospital celebrated Nelson Mandela's 95th birthday by dedicating hours of service to people who are less fortunate. This is a special year for the Mandela Day as the South African hero has been in hospital for a very long time due to a lung related illness.

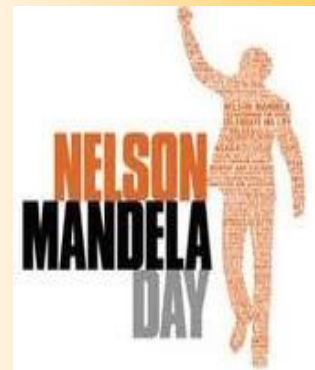
Staff members from different departments came up with their own plans on how they can give back to the community just as the first democratically elected president

of South Africa, u Tata Nelson Mandela dedicated 67 of his years to the community of South Africa.

Some dedicated 67 minutes, some it was hours some it was the whole day. This was indeed a fulfilling experience. May the Mandela legacy live on for many decades and centuries to come!!!

Below are some of the activities performed by the staff of GJ Crookes.

Thank to all staff members!!!!



ACTIVITIES BY EACH TEAM

THE TEAMS

Team 1: TOYS FOR FUN

Led by the hospital manager, staff members were asked to donate toys which were to be distributed to two crèches, one in the aMahlongwa area and one in eMalangeni area (Amahlongwa crèche and Sunshine crèche). The numbers of donated toys were so much that no child went home without a gift.

The teams who visited the crèches included local municipality representatives, other government sectors and NGOs.

Different departments coming together to help communities, a gesture Nelson Mandela would be very proud of.

Team 2: FEED THE HUNGRY

PRO, Social workers, crisis centre and the dietetics department, came together contributed money and visited 3 less fortunate families who were identified by department of Social

Development.

Food groceries were bought and delivered to them. "You can give a man a fish and feed him for one day but teach a man to fish, then he is fed for a lifetime" This is the reason our Community service dietician had to teach the recipients about the basics of food gardening.

They received seeds to plant so they can have food in many months to come. Since it's now winter, blankets were also given to all who were visited to keep them warm during the cold season.

Amongst the visited families was a 19 year mother of two who lives with her 24 year brother only, parents have passed away. Then the Myende household was visited where 4 children live alone, oldest being 21 and youngest being 13 years.

And Zenzele Mkhize who is an adult male, lives alone, with no job and no other source of income



Team 1: Some of the staff members and Mrs Nyawo, GJ Crookes CEO with a collection of the toys donated



Team 2: Pictured with some of the staff members is Zenzele Mkhize who lives alone in a 1 roomed, falling shack. He was very happy with the grocery and blankets. He said he had old blankets he used for sleeping and they were not keeping him warm during the cold winter.

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Team 3: PRIORITISING THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED FOR LONG

Citizens who have no identity document, receive no pension and are chronically ill were identified from the community. Mr Nysschens, SASSA Manager Umzinto, arranged with Home Affairs and Mr. Dhaja at GJ Crookes to have age assessments done for these clients so they can apply for identity document and then apply for old age pension or disability grant. Mr Dhaja thanks the Patient Admin department, Dr Sithole, OPD and the Pharmacy for giving priority to these clients for having them seen within 67 minutes.



Team 3: Some of the service recipients with Mr Dhaja from OPD



Team 4: Some of the staff members with a granny of 8, with her 7 grandchildren

Team 4: Human Resources and Administration left the office to give to the less fortunate

Just like team 2, the staff members from HR and the administration section contributed money from their own pockets and bought food groceries for 2 families in the Mandawe area.

One of the families, a granny lives alone with 8 grandchildren whose parents have passed away. They live in a one roomed tinned building which is falling apart; they are awaiting for an RDP house from the municipality.

Another granny who was visited has two grandsons, who also do not have parents. One of them has just been imprisoned. The granny was very thankful for the gifts as she said she only had 1 potato left which she was going to make into a curry

Team 6: NEHAWU KEPT PUSHING, UNTILL THEY REACHED THEIR DESTINATION

Nehawu members thought, not everything has to be monetary and took a simple idea which made our patients happy.

For 67 minutes, two of the members, Thabo Khuzwayo and Percival Zama pushed frail patients on wheelchairs and stretchers a job normally done by the porters. Sometimes the communities have

wait for porters to come and assist them while the porters are busy in other departments.

Indeed the community enjoyed the luxury of being instantly wheeled to where they wanted to go., meaning quicker service was provided.

department made a ball game which the participants really enjoyed. Health and safety officer bought a ball then it was fun all the way, kicking the ball towards all directions. Everyone was having fun, bedansa bephula iqolo!!!!

Team 7: DANCE AND HAVE FUN

Another group wanted to bring fun to the lives of patients from eThembeni, who are mental health care users. Jasmine Anderson, from Occupational therapy and Desiree Govender, from Physio department donated Vienna rolls. Peter Van Niekerk from Maintenance

Team 8: CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE MADIBA'S

Desiree Govender and Jasmine Anderson were really in the spirit of giving on this day.

They gave bibs and boots to new born children at the nursery in the maternity ward.



Team 6: Nehawu trade union representatives assisting pushing a sickly patient from the taxi rank to the hospital.



Team 7: Ethembeni staff members, Jassmine Anderson and the eThembeni patients posing for the photo.

