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BIKERS BRING JOY TO THE KIDS



On Friday, 21 December 2012 UGU Municipality staff and Impi Bikers from Durban visited the Paediatrics ward to bring smiles on admitted kids. They were warmly welcomed by cute smiling faces and music from the children. Amongst the guests were; CLLR Mohamed, CLLR Shusha, Julie Akoon, Dudu Khowa (Director of Special programs), Arthur and Bikers and Mr Khulekani Msomi (District PRO). The event was declared open with an opening prayer by Julie Akoon who also thanked the Municipal staff for a wonderful turn out.

Ms. D Khowa enlightened us about their project which is to give sick and vulnerable kids something special for Christmas. "We all know of a child that is poor, let us take the time to get to know these harmless souls, just by greeting them every now and then, asking them how they slept doesn't cost a thing". By showing a child love and care plus a sandwich really makes a difference on that child's life even if it's only for that day" said Ms. Khowa. Mr. Nkazimulo Mthethwa (member of IMPI Bikers) also emphasized on the speech said by Ms. Khowa. He further stated that partnering with the Municipality on this project makes them feel they have done a good deed for the community. He also said that they as Bikers have enjoyed the activities building up to this project and they hope that the project will be done yearly. Her Worship, CLLR N Shusha thanked Murchison staff for the warm welcome she said that they are hoping that God will give them more sponsors for 2013 as to visit all the hospital and make children smile.

Indeed this might seem as a small thing but to some kids it goes a long way. I would like to thank all organizations and individuals who donated gifts to patients throughout the year and on this festive season. May God richly bless them.

DR. GILPIN'S ANNUAL GIFT PRESENTATION

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On Friday, 21 December 2012, Dr. Gilpin, his wife and associates came bearing gifts yet again for his annual gift giving initiative to Inpatients. It was a joyous occasion as patients received sweets, shirts, ties, toiletries and many more gifts. To be in a hospital bed during the festive season is depressing let alone spending Christmas there. Christmas is time for families to be together, talk, eat and be joyful. We tend to be so busy shopping for anything and everything and forget those who are in pain and sick but not Dr. Gilpin. He made it possible for patients to look past their illnesses for a moment and enjoy being showered with gifts and eats. We thank Dr. Gilpin for his act of kindness and looking forward to seeing him again.

Dr. T Gilpin



Left pic: Patients from Male Good Hope Center with the Operational Manager Mrs. S Singh & T T Sibisi.

Happy Retirement Bab Shozi

On 26 October 2012 hospital staff said their goodbyes to a retiring Mr. Henry Shozi who has worked in several departments in the hospital but retired working as a Transport Manager. Bab Shozi has served the hospital diligently for 47. He started working in Murchison hospital as an Out-patient department clerk and few years later he worked as a switch board Telkom operator. He has spent 10 years in each of these departments and continued to do administration work in various sections. "It has been indeed a memorable journey for all staff members who got the chance to work with him" said Dr. Gilpin, a dear friend and former colleague.

Mr. Shozi (far left) with his family



CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION

It was that time of the year again whereby all wards and departments were encouraged to participate on a Christmas decoration competition. We wanted staff to be arty in promoting Christmas spirit especially for inpatients. Judges had a difficult task of selecting the winners as competitors had superbly decorated their working stations. All participants were given a token of appreciation, congratulations to the top three winners. Again, thank you for participating.

The winners for 2013 are:

- ◆ 1st position – Maternity ward
- ◆ 2nd position – Out patient department
- ◆ 3rd position – Male surgical ward



First position was taken by Maternity ward, their ward was magnificently decorated. CONGRATULATIONS MATERNITY WARD. Let's hope you will be able to defend your title in 2013.



Out-Patient Department scooped the second position. Staff were captured doing a stage play about Christ's birth.

The Third position was given to Male surgical ward Well done!!! Nawe Mngomeni awu mncinana.

A HEART WARMING REUNION



A heart warming reunion when son finds mom after 20 years.

Thandi Gumede was admitted in and out of female extension since 2011 hence she was no stranger there. Through continuous good dealings with the staff, it was discovered that Ms. Gumede had lost contact with her family for over 20 years. She had a burning desire to be reunited with them, especially her children. The staff members tried very hard to locate Ms. Gumede's family which resides at Eshowe. One of the staff members also resides at Eshowe; she visited a local radio station to ask for her relatives. The radio announcement was made; a close friend of one of Thandi's children heard the radio announcement and informed the son. Not long after that his eldest son Bongani came looking for him. Bongani said some close friends told him about a radio announcement about a woman who was searching for her family, the description made matched that of his missing mother. Bongani told us that he last saw his mother in 1980 when he was only 6 years old; she left him with her friend. Their reunion was a very emotional one, it reminded me the importance of embracing our families at all times. They are the best thing that has ever happened to us although to some it does not feel like that, but hey you can chose friends but not family.



HAPPY STUDYING GUYS!

These three young men hail from South Coast, Murchison area. They were awarded with bursaries to study medicine in Cuba. Bidding them farewell was a joyous moment for many including hospital staff as we celebrated with their mothers – our colleagues. We would like wish them the best while studying, we hope that on their return they will be ready to render health services to the community with compassion.

MY LIFE AS A PR TRAINEE

I am Silindile Nhleko, a PR student at Damelin DBN City Campus. I have been in Murchison Hospital for a short period but I'm happy to be given an opportunity of writing this article.

I would like to thank Ms. Mabaso (boss as I like to call her) for allowing me to experience the real-world in PR and being able to discover my capabilities in the field. At times I thought she was unfair but now I realize that she was helping me to be a phenomenal PRO in the near future. Also I want to thank Zola Mqadi (intern) for always making me laugh and always assisting me when I experience challenges in completing a task.



I'm going to miss hilarious looks from staff when doing Batho Pele inspections and comical comments from suggestion boxes. To be honest not everything was as easy as the PR Text book made it to be. I had no idea that I would be doing actual surveys and analyzing data collected. That threw me right at the deep end; in my mind I was here to plan events, liaise with the media and public and also to visit patients from time to time. I'm glad I took this route because it has groomed me into a better PRO and made me to be more excited to enter the world of Public Relations.

Leaving Murchison is bitter sweet, but I have to pursue my career in PR and my head is jamming with ideas and knowledge obtained during my practical training. I have learnt a great deal thank you for the experience.

Welcome on board



*Our
honorable
hospital
board
members*

Our institution is privileged to have a chance to work with a team of dedicated individuals like these, welcome on board ladies and gentlemen, we hope we will have a long and fruitful working journey with you.

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